

PARENTS OF MRS. M. J. BUCHANAN.

FATHER-Samuel Vance, Born March 29, 1792
" " " " , Died October 16, 1840, Mobile, Alabama.

MOTHER-Elizabeth Allen ^{Brock} Buck, Born January 17, 1797
" " " " , Died October 31, 1836, Tuscaloosa, Ala.
Married in 1818.

MRS. M. J. BUCHANAN.

Mary Jane Vance, Born Knoxville, Tenn., May 5, 1819.
Was oldest of eight children (three died very young).
Graduated with honors at Tuscaloosa Female Institute in 1836.
At age of 17 had care of two ~~brothers~~ and two sisters.
After her father's death 1840 she lived in small house in yard.
Raised these children while governess for Mr. Walton Glover's family.

Afterwards taught in Seminary at Marion, Ala. There met and later married Mr. James Henry Rutledge in Green County, Ala., January 31, 1839.

James Henry Rutledge was born in South Carolina June 16, 1815.
Of this union there were two children.

Walton Glover Rutledge born in Marion, Ala. April 10, 1841.

~~Henri~~ Henri Rutledge born in Marion, Ala., October 1, 1843.

Showing her great love for Mr. Glover and wife who had been so much to her when looking after her orphan brothers and sisters, both these children were named for Mr. and Mrs. Glover.

James Henry Rutledge died in Marion, Ala., July 25, 1843.

Mrs. M. J. Rutledge and Isaac Buchanan were married in Marion, Ala., July 28, 1846.

Only child, John Lewis Buchanan born in Holly Springs, Miss., July 20, 1848.

Isaac Buchanan died in Ripley, Miss., May 19, 1862.

Mary Jane Buchanan died in Oxford, Miss., February 22, 1894.
Buried in Ripley, Miss.

Taught 11 sessions in Alabama

" 3 " " Holly Springs, Miss.

" 32 " " Ripley, Miss.

" 2 " " Florence, Ala. (Chair of Mathematics in Girls Female College.)

" 3 " " Pontotoc, Miss. (Principal ~~Chicaw~~ Female College.)

Her last days were spent in the heart of learning, the campus of University of Mississippi, and many a struggling student was helped by her.

In Ripley taught at Academy before war. It was burned and "Stone-wall Female College" built. Had it until burned in 1880. Citizens built again and taught two years then gave it up and went to Florence to teach.

During war Reverend John Miller, Presbyterian Minister, was killed and just below Ripley near King's Creek by Yankees. (Mrs. Miller was school mate of Mrs. Buchanan's). After much trouble Mrs. Buchanan got body and permission to carry it to his family in Pontotoc. She with her son Lewis Buchanan

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PLACE IN THE FRONT OF VFA NEWSLETTERS

ERRATA

By Kathleen Mason

Comments: When VFA was formed, the members had various family legends that found its way into print. As we grew in size as well as in expertise, it became apparent many of these 'accepted' facts were incorrect. These were corrected in updates. This probably does not include *every error printed*, but it does correct the most important ones. A master list seemed important in the event you overlooked the update in the NL. Thanks to all who have researched 'behind the scenes'.

NL Feb 1985 pg 2. (It is easier to just say ignore this chart) However, some explanations: the birth and ancestry of Rev. John Vans incorrect, as well as the third generation on chart - the 1659 Ireland census only lists Patrick and William. See later documentation: Apr 1988 pg 52, July 1988 pg 83, Jan 1991 pg 26. See NL July 1990 pg 104 re Rev. John Vans and Andrew Vance dates. Update on Andrew: We cannot document where Andrew, son of Coagh, Ireland migrated to. The confusion with Andrew (which assumed he was the father of all others in Frederick Co. VA) who died 1754, led to supposition that an Andrew who died 1754 was the father of Samuel of Frederick Co., later Abingdon, Va. When that proven incorrect, Andrew continued to be a mythical father figure for Samuel. See Apr 1986 pg 7 for documented children of Andrew d. 1754. See NL Apr 1987 pg 50 for David, James and William line.

NL July 1994 pg 74/5 Letter from Samuel Vance's (of Frederick Co. VA and Abingdon, VA) grandson said Samuel came 'from Ireland' with no mention of his father, or that his father came with him. This article shows deletion of Andrew as father of Samuel, and he is a 'myth' due to confusion with the other Andrew who died 1754. Also note the new list of children for Samuel & Sarah Colville Vance. John Vance of Sullivan Co. TN. is identified as a son, as well as Sarah Vance Vail as a daughter. (We have some very happy members! See NL Oct. 1994 for article on Sarah Vance Vail. A ninth child is yet to be documented - was not named in this letter, nor in Samuel's will. As the descendants of John Vance of Sullivan Co. TN. are documented, other lines will have one or two generations added!

NL April 1994 pg. 51/6 correctly identifies Mary Vance Greer as a daughter of David Vance who died 1768, Frederick Co. Va. (not Samuel of Abingdon)

NL July 1986 pg 4. No evidence to prove the father of John who d. 1760 had parents named Andrew and Jane Hoge Vance. Also, the brothers for Dr. Patrick are incorrect. See Balbirnie's notation re Dr. Patrick NL July 1987 pg. 55/58. For family of Maj. William Vance 1718-1788 see July 1987 pg 50/53.

NL July 1986 pg 9. Delete Andrew as father of James, replace with David Sr. (of Hite Trial) See July 1987 pg 55/58. No new evidence has changed this.

NL Oct 1986 pg 12. Hite-Fairfax Trial. Further research of the land description was found on Opequon Creek, prove the James who died 1751 was the one involved in the trial and not the James who died 1762. See NL Oct 1989 pg 118/21. Also Ann Vance was involved in the trial because of her previous husband Hugh Deveney's land transactions. Name of her Vance husband unknown, and not mentioned in the trial.

NL Jan 1987 pg 6. The person who drew this chart and placed with Dr. Foote's work erred in the name at the top - Joseph Colville Vance....it was just Joseph Colville, as shown in location of land - see Plat NL Oct 1980 pg 120.

NL Jan 1987 pg 8. Item I C - Later research has disproved the listed names of Samuel's siblings. None documented as of 1994.

NL Jan 1987 pg 10. Item III A John Vance whose wife was Jane Black was not the son of Samuel and Sarah Colville Vance. Later research shows James Vance who died 1762 to be his father. See NL Apr 1988, pg 39/42.

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NL Jan 1987 pg 11. Item D. Joseph Colville Vance 1759-1809 married Sarah Wilson. In NL April 1992 pg 36/7 Joseph Colville Vance's father David signed deed with wife Janet. This deletes long legend of Sarah Colville being the wife of David who died 1768. It should be noted that David had no daughter named Sarah, but did have a daughter named Jannet/Gennet, surely named for his wife who signed deed with him.

NL Jan 1987 pg. 11, Item F. No evidence ever found that a Joseph married Mary, daughter of David of 1768 will. See NL Apr 1994 pg. 51/56 proving Mary's line.

NL Jan 1987 pg 12, Item B. This reference to Beaver County Pa. and references to brothers to be disregarded..never proven. Also, disregard Mrs. Reed's comments.

NL Jan 1987 pg 12 Item II 1. Deed 14 Apr 1762 Hampshire Co. Va. shows David Vance's (Jr) wife as Janet. No evidence he ever had another wife named Sarah Colville. However, his father David Sr. did have a wife named Sarah. See July 1987 pg 51 where Sarah signed deed with David (Sr) recorded 6 Aug. 1782. This was the land involved in the Hite lawsuit. Also, see NL Oct 1992, pg 99 where David Vance Senr. and David Vance, Junr. signed an inventory of John Calvert May 23, 1740.

NL Jan 1987 pg. 14/16. Land records description prove James Vance who died 1751 was involved in the Hite-Fairfax Trial, not James Vance who died 1762 and lived in the Cedar Creek area and did buy land from Hite. The Hite-Fairfax Trial and the Vance land involved was located in the Opequon Creek area, not Cedar Creek area. See NL Oct 1989, pg. 118/19.

NL Apr 1987 pg 27. 3rd paragraph, 8th line, typo should read 1769 not 1796..

NL Apr 1989 pg 38/40. The legend was that Sarah (generally accepted as Colville) was the first wife of David Vance, son of Maj. Wm. Vance 1718-1788 who died at Cross Creek Pa. This conclusion was drawn from deeds signed on land known as 'Oatfield' in Washington Co. Pa. See NL July 1992, questioning that conclusion and identity of which David.. Further research by Velma Wilcox concurs that the David and Sarah who sold land "Oatfield" was another one (son of David who d. 1768 Frederick Co. Va.), and that the only proven wife of David, son of Maj. William Vance, was Margaret. See NL Apr 1993 pg. 58.

NL July 1994 pg 88/9. The letter from grandson of Patrick Vance of Chambersburg, PA and Knox Co. TN. proves a 'cousin' relationship to James Alexander Vance Sr. of PA and SC. Other cousins need to be documented.

Note: Many of these errors were made because only one document was used to draw a conclusion. If you find a will, you should follow the probate records, especially when land is involved. The Andrew Vance of Frederick Co. Va. confusion would not have happened if the land had been traced. The Vance history literally had to be re-written in that area because of drawing a conclusion from the 1754 will only. If you find a grantor in a deed, trace where he received the land - from a grant, another deed or an estate. It may just save you hours of time, as well as properly identifying the person involved!

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registration fee)

Friday, May 16th

9:00 am ** IMAX A six story screen, a must see
before visiting Alamo.

10:00 am Alamo Tour , Alamo Library and Gift
Shop. (Payment by donation)

Lunch on your own. (Try the Mall Food Court)

1:45 pm ** Bus Tour of Montevista Historic
District, Fort Sam Houston War Museum, Olmos
Park & Japanese Gardens.

6:00 pm Dinner from the menu at the Jail House
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Saturday, May 17th

8:30 am ** Continental Breakfast in meeting
room.

9:00 am - 10:45 am - VFA business meeting.

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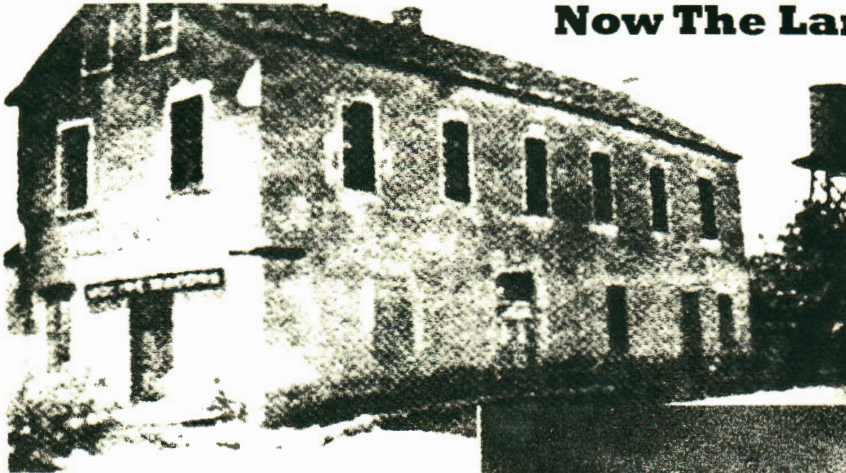
7:00 pm ** Dinner 'On the River Barge.'

Sunday, May 18th

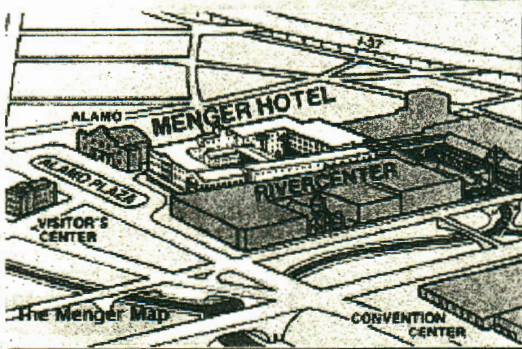
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**Descendant of Joseph Vance (275)
And
Patrick Vance (1161)**

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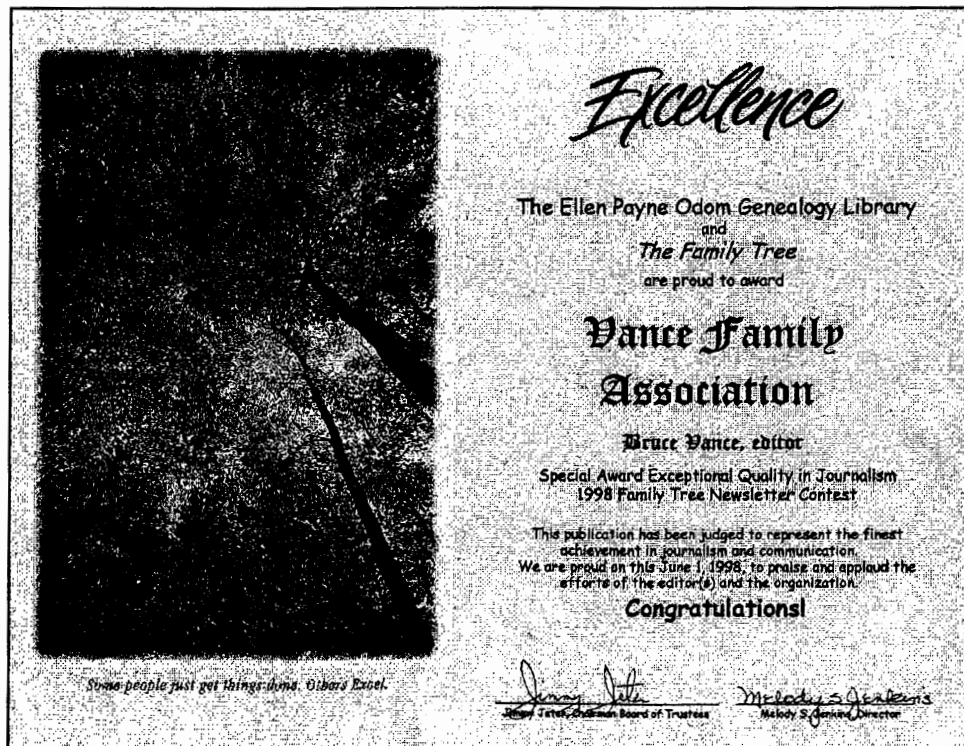
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President-Editor's Message

Enclosed you will find an extraordinary bonus. A surname index for the newsletters of 1985 through April 1998. It is conveniently divided into major subject categories. We owe a huge thanks to Mary Vance Norfleet and her husband, Jim, for the development of this useful tool. Originally, Mary developed the index for her own purposes. After sharing a copy with her fellow historians and me, we urged her to share it with the general membership. Thanks Mary and Jim for the many hours you put forth on behalf of the VFA and for the great product your efforts produced.

Wanda Green, Norma Harper, and Waid Vance are deep into the process of putting together our 1999 meeting in Columbus, Ohio. They are targeting the October newsletter for our first glimpse of the details. On your dues renewal will be a section to express your interest in attending and with the January 1999 issue there will be an official sign-up form. Mark the dates on your calendar, June 17th - 20th, 1999.

I am proud to announce we won the 'Special Award for Exceptional Quality in Journalism' from the Ellen Payne Odom Genealogical Library for 1998. See a copy of the award on the inside cover. The bulk of the credit goes to those members who submit their research material and to our historians.

Membership is at 380, which is a new record. Texas, California and Ohio are leading the way. Many of the new members are becoming aware of the VFA via the Internet. Most of the new members are submitting their Vance lineage. Several have 'gotten lucky' and hooked to an existing line. The VFA has also been fortunate in the new information that some of these Vance kin have supplied.

The National Genealogical Society has published recommended standards for:

1. *Sound Genealogical Research*
2. *Use of Technology in Genealogical Research*
3. *Use of Records Repositories and Libraries*

Although I think the NGS sometimes forgets that Genealogy is 'fun,' these standards are certainly credible. You will find the first topic on page 123, the other two will appear in upcoming issues.

Enuff, go find two ancestors, and plant a tree,

**STEPHEN HENRY, MD
LT. GOVERNOR OF KENTUCKY**

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Dr. Stephen Henry, an orthopedic surgeon, is the Lt. Governor of the Commonwealth of Kentucky. He is the g-g-g grandson of Joseph and Eliza Vance and is the only medical doctor to ever serve in this office. A native of Daviess Co. KY, he is a graduate of Western Kentucky University and the University of Louisville Medical School. His many hours of volunteer work and advocacy of better care for the indigent were factors when he was chosen one of the Ten Outstanding Young Men in America by the National Jaycees. While on the faculty at the University of Louisville he developed a system of using antibiotic beads in the treatment of injuries. Dr. Henry received international acclaim when this technique was widely used during the Gulf War and he received personal recognition from General Schwartzkopf.

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JOSEPH VANCE FAMILY

by

Ann Vance Todd

(This information has been gathered by Marion W. Vance and Anna Lois Vance Beumel as well as the author)

Joseph Vance, the son of Patrick and Elizabeth Vance, was born 8 September 1794 in Knox Co TN. He was named in the Will of Patrick Vance, probated 1801, Knox Co TN. On 28 December 1819, Knox Co TN, he married

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Eliza Greer, b. 6 Jul 1799 in VA. We know this couple had at least six and possibly, seven children, all b. In Tennessee: Vanirah, Eliza Jane, George P., John, Joseph, Jr. and Mary Malinda. US census records list the family in Anderson Co TN in 1830. This is verified by KY Vital Statistic records that list Eliza Jane Vance b. 1828, Anderson Co TN. Records that survived the fire in Anderson Co TN show Joseph Vance serving on a jury, but I do not have other records of the family here. US Pension records of George P. Vance give his birth in 1834, Rhone Co TN, and the US census of 1840 show the family in Grainger Co TN.

The earliest land record of Joseph Vance in Kentucky is a Daviess Co (DB K, p. 30) deed dated 28 Oct 1850 for 184+ acres on the waters of Buck Creek of "land now occupied by said Vance". Vanirah Vance paid tax on some livestock in Ohio Co KY in 1848. My grandfather, John William Vance, told me that "all he knew about the first Vances in Kentucky was that they came from Tennessee in an ox cart and settled in McLean Co". Parts of Ohio and Daviess Co were formed into Mclean Co KY in 1854. By then the family was settled in the Buck Creek area and remained there for many years. Joseph Vance d. 8 Mar 1863 and Eliza Vance d. 3 Jun 1869. Both are buried in Old Buck Creek Baptist Church cemetery, McLean Co.

In the 1850 Daviess Co KY US census is one James Vance, b. TN, age 20, living on an adjoining farm in the household of Jesse Moseley. James H. Vance married 26 May 1851 Casa A. Roberts in Daviess Co KY. On 17 Sep 1852 he was granted a letter of dismissal from Buck Creek Baptist Church. There is a 113 acre tract of land that records show James Vance paid tax on for one year, but the next year Joseph Vance paid the taxes. There is no record of a land transfer between this James Vance and Joseph Vance, but in a lawsuit in the Joseph Vance estate, a Mclean Co Court decree awarded this 113 acre tract to John Vance. Nothing further has been learned about this James Vance. He is not mentioned in Will of Joseph Vance and does not appear in the 1860 census in Ohio, Daviess or McLean Co KY. We cannot positively identify him as a son of Joseph and Eliza Vance at this time.

There is confusion about the actual name of Vanirah Vance. Records show spelling of Venieh, Veniah, Varnard and the death certificate of his son, Jefferson Davis Vance lists him as Barnard Vance. The family Bible has his name spelled Vanirah and his birth as 10 Nov 1826 and death on 17 Aug 1865 in McLean Co KY. He married Mary Ann Nance, daughter of William and Nancy Snow, 31 Mar 1846 in Jefferson Co TN. Ohio Co KY US 1850 census show the

family with Rosanna aged 7 b. TN, Joseph aged 3 b. TN and Margaret Ann aged 1, b. KY. I believe Rosanna was Mary Ann's child by a previous marriage. Other children were Eliza J., b. 1850 and died 13 Oct 1858; George b. 10 Jun 1850 and d. 6 Aug 1853; and Martha Elizabeth b. 4 Apr 1852 all in Ohio Co KY.. Mary Ann Vance d. 24 Jul 1853 in Ohio Co KY and KY Vital Statistics records give her parents' names. The handwriting on these records is such that the surname of her parents is difficult. One abstracter calls it Snow and another, Inavo. Published East Tennessee Marriages of the period do not give a marriage for either that would fit the time line.

Vanirah Vance married second, Nancy Brown, daughter of William H. And Agnes Flint Brown, 30 Jul 1853 in Daviess Co KY. They had seven children, all born in McLean Co KY - Agnes b. 1 Aug 1856 and d. 14 Sep 1857; Millard Filmore b. 30 Sep 1856, d. 31 Jul 1932, Bee Co TX; Henry C. b. 4 May 1859 and d. 14 Sep 1860; Jefferson Davis b. 27 Feb 1861 d. 21 Oct 1937 McLean Co KY; Sidney Johnson b. 15 Sep 1863 and d. 25 Oct 1946 Daviess Co KY; Emma Lee b. 10 Sep 1864 and d. 12 Oct 1913 McLean Co KY; Vanirah, Jr. b. 23 Feb 1866 and d. 28 May 1898 Navarro Co TX. The family lived in the Buck Creek area of McLean Co near both their parents, brothers and sisters. They were members of the Buck Creek Baptist Church. Minutes of the church reveal that Vanirah paid \$4 for 50 bushels of coal in 1857 "as his contribution to the church". He was on the roster of the Enrolled Militia of McLean Co KY, a home guard type unit under the command of the Governor of Kentucky. This unit was subject to be called into duty and since Kentucky never seceded, it was considered part of the Union Forces. The Autobiography of Mike Moore, The Jolly Irishman tells of the strong feelings for both sides in McLean Co during the Civil War: "The Southern men would not help the Union men roll logs, and vice versa. Vanira Vance made no distinction, inviting both parties to a big rolling on Buck Creek." Vanirah Vance d. 17 Aug 1865 and Nancy d. 12 Mar 1870. Both are buried in a family plot on their farm 1 mile north of Livermore KY on US Hwy. 431, now occupied by the Otto Howard family. After their death, the children lived with her sister Matilda and her husband John G. Atherton and are listed in the 1870 McLean Co US census.

Eliza Jane Vance was b. 17 Sep 1827 in TN and d. 25 Jul 1901. She married James L. Hodgins 31 Oct 1852 in Daviess Co KY. He died of a fever while serving as a Cpl., Co H, 17th Vol. Infantry in the Union Army at Reynolds Station TN in 1862. Eliza Jane Hodgins was awarded a widow's pension of \$8 per month in August 1878, Daviess Co KY. They had three children, Ann Mary b. 10 May 1856; Vanirah b. Dec 1858; and Margaret Matilda b. ca. 1860.

Eliza Jane Hodgins is buried in Travis Cemetery, KY Hwy. 56 between St. Joseph and Elba, KY.

Most of what we know of George P. Vance has been learned from pension records obtained from the National Archives. He was born 1834 in Rhone Co TN and died 9 Apr 1863 in McLean Co KY. He served in the Union Army as a Pvt., Co. H 17th Vol. Infantry. He was given a disability discharge 15 Sept 1862 for "insufficiency of Mitral Valve". After he returned home he was listed on the roster of the McLean Co KY Enrolled Militia. He married Martha S. Davis 17 Apr 1857 in Hopkins Co KY and they had three children, James L., b. 8 Feb 1858, Vincent Fugate b. 19 Jul 1859 and George Ann b. 1 Apr 1861, d. 11 Apr 1863. Note that the little girl died two days after her Father. Martha S. Vance, widow, married William H. Clements 14 Jul 1863. By 1885 they were living in Boydsville, Clay Co, AR when they applied for the pension for the surviving children of George P. Vance. His brother John Vance, also living in Boydsville, gave an affidavit to support their claim.

John Vance was born ca 1835 and died 23 Aug 1889 in Boydsville AR. He married Mary Jane Tucker, daughter of Thompson and Polly Tucker, 24 Aug 1858. He also served in Co H, 17th Reg. KY Infantry, Union Army, in the Civil War. Pension records show in 1891 he had four children under age 16: Emma b. 25 Sep 1876, Alfred b. 26 Sep 1878 and d. 18 May 1891; Sadie b. 27 May 1880 and Melvin b. 7 Sep 1883. Emma m. 9 Oct 1901 Harvey Axton and d. 13 Oct 1968; Sadie m. 1 May 1899, John W. Harper in Daviess Co KY and d. 17 Oct 1944; Melvin m. 5 Sep 1907 Mabel Neubauer in Daviess Co KY and d. 8 Apr 1981. Other children were Alice b. Oct 1861 in Daviess Co KY, m. 28 Dec 1876 Samuel M. Wells in McLean Co KY, d. Feb 1822 in Kennett MO; Mellissa Frances b. 29 May 1866 in Daviess Co KY, d. 26 Mar 1884 in Palestine TX; Columbus Americus b. 29 Jan 1870 d. Aft. 1919; William Rufus b. 10 Aug 1872 and James Vance b. 1874 d. 1877. John Vance's widow, Mary Jane, d. 8 Oct 1904 and she and their son Alfred are buried in Old Buck Creek Baptist Church cemetery.

Joseph Vance, Jr. was b. 28 Jun 1836 in TN and d. 5 Jul 1869. He served with his two brothers in the Enrolled Militia. He is buried at Old Buck Creek in McLean Co KY. His wife's name was Matilda but we have been unable to locate the marriage and do not know her maiden name. US census records indicate she was b. 1842 and d. before 1880. They had four children, William Virgil b. Feb 1864, m. Laura B. Reeds 11 Nov 1894 Daviess Co KY; Viola b. 1866, m. Granville Underwood, 12 Apr 1883 in McLean Co KY; John E. b. 1867 and

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Josephine b. 1869 and d. Before 1880. After the death of Joseph Vance, Jr., his widow, Matilda, married Walker R. Landers. She is buried in Baxter, AR.

Mary Malinda Vance was b. 16 Oct 1838 in TN and d. 10 Jul 1882 in McLean Co KY. She married William Jackson Davis 17 Sep 1857 in McLean Co. KY. He was the son of Vincent Fugate Davis of Hopkins Co KY and the brother of Martha S. Davis who married George P. Vance. William J. Davis was b. 20 Oct 1833 and d. 2 Jan 1901. Both are reportedly buried with three of their children who died young, in Bethel Baptist Church Cemetery in McLean Co KY. They had nine children: Malissa Mary b. 11 Feb 1850, m. 28 Oct 28, 1877, Josh S. Dant, d. 1939, buried St. Michaels Cemetery, Louisville KY; Susan b. 24 Feb 1862; d. 20 Mar 1865; Margaret G. b. 22 Dec 1863, d. 19 Oct 1886; Tilda b. 2 Dec 1866 d. 14 Mar 1870 McLean Co; Leona b. 15 May 1869 d. 5 Jun 1911, m. William Elliott 7 Aug 1893; Thomas Overton b. 25 Jun 1871, d. 8 Jan 1916, m. Mary Anna Alvey 13 Feb 1893; Sarah b. 24 Jan 1873 d 9 Apr 1968, m. William Eugene Alvey 25 Dec 1870; Rena Vaden b. 1 Oct 1876 d. 6 Nov 1963, m. Jessie Eubank 8 Nov 1899; Alice b. 10 Dec 1879, d. 31 Jan 1978, m. Ignatius Nathan Coomes 9 Jan 1900.

Much information has been found on this large and interesting family. And, the more answers you find the more questions you want to ask. Its a mystery why Vanirah Vance, while serving in the militia, and with two brothers and a brother in law serving in the Union Army, would name two of his sons Jefferson Davis Vance and Sidney Johnson Vance? The 17th KY Vol. Infantry, in which James Hodgins, John and George P. Vance served, was made up primarily of McLean Co men and participated in the battles of Ft. Donelson, Shiloh, Chicamauga, Stone Mountain, Atlanta and others.

Many descendants still live in western Kentucky but others live as far away as Washington state. A Vance family reunion was held in the summer of 1997 in Texas for the "Texas Branch" of the Vance family tree. One of their ancestors, Vanirah Vance, Jr. settled in Texas and was killed in a street gunfight 28 May 1898 in Navarro Co., TX. Wherever the descendants of Joseph and Eliza live they have been productive citizens who work hard and rear good families. Through the generations since Joseph and Eliza settled in Kentucky, records show them to be farmers, teachers, business and professional people who have made contributions to their communities and served their country

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## United States History

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**Uniontown, PA and Morgantown, W. VA:** The TENT Presbyterian Church, located between Uniontown, PA and Morgantown, W. VA. on route 119: Cemetery records:  
In memory of Rachel Vance, daughter of William and Rachael Vance, who departed this life Jan. 23, 1837, aged 27 years  
Elias Hatfield d. May 18, 1839 aged 77 yrs. 2 mos. 7 days.

**.Old Presbyterian Cemetery, Uniontown, PA.**

Mary Vance Oct. 13, 1840, 78 yrs.  
Wm Speer Feb 1, 1857, 71 yrs. Note: William Speer was one of the first tipstaffs in Fayette Co. PA. There are also Speers in the Donegal Springs Presbyterian Church Cemetery near Mt. Joy, PA. Research of Phyllis Worrall.

**Lancaster County, PA. Marriage Records:**

David Vance to Catherine Swincy 17 Apr 1777. (Any idea who his parents were?)  
Other names who were closely associated with Vances:  
Daniel Turner to Catherine Pitts 8 Jan 1765  
James Turner to Rebecca Armstrong 1 Nov 1759  
Patrick Turner to Mary Delaney 31 Mar 1778  
James Walker to Elizabeth McCullough 25 June 1765  
James Watson to Ann Evans 14 May 1770  
John Watson to Margaret Seyfert 3 Nov 1795  
John Watson to Margaret Clemson 26 July 1784  
John Wilson to Mary Hunter 24 Aug 1764  
Many other Wilson names, as well as Thompson. Research of Grace Dotson.

**From the Minnesota Genealogical Society Newsletter July 1993 issue:**

"In the lower left hand corner of most old deeds, you will find signatures of two to four witnesses. The first one is always from the husband's side. The next one is always from the wife's side. That is to protect her dower right under the law. Nothing you will ever use will give greater clues to maiden names than witnesses to old deeds." Research of MacElaine Elliott

**Montours Presbyterian Church 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary booklet dated 1935** was among the items/old letters that member A. Richard Thomas donated to VFA. These were from a collection of his mother, Adelaide Vance Thomas regarding the Vance family research. The front of the booklet features a photo of Captain Robert Vance, and this photo has been used in the Newsletter. Many thanks, Dick.



## *CIVIL WAR VETERAN*

*Research of Mary Ewart*

Reference: The Arkansas Gazette, Little Rock, Arkansas, July 5, 1938. The General M.D. Vance biographical sketch may be found in the July 1997 Newsletter, page 92.

### *GENERAL MEETS THE PRESIDENT*



After dedicating the 'eternal light' peace memorial Sunday at Gettysburg, PA., President Roosevelt paused before entraining for Washington to chat with General M. D. Vance, 93, Confederate veteran from Little Rock, Arkansas with whom he is shown above.

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WILLIAM AND MARY VANCE OF ALLEGHENY CO. PA

By Robert W. Marshall

While researching primary records in Allegheny and Beaver Counties in Pennsylvania for my Vance and Calvin ancestors, I found the information contained in the following article which I believe adds another generation to my Vance line!

The first Vance that I believe is one of my ancestors is a William Vance who will be referred to as William #1 in the narrative that follows. The last will and testament of this William Vance is dated 28 April 1798 and recorded in Volume 1, page 174 of the will book for Allegheny Co., Pa. The will I found was an original and was very fragile. William probably died in June 1803 because the will was probated on 17 June 1803. The will lists the following heirs:

- Wife, Mary Vance #1
- Son, Andrew Vance
- Son, William Vance #2
- Son, John Vance #1
- Dau., Mary Vance
- Dau., Agnes Vance, otherwise Agnes Camble (probably Campbell)
- Dau., Jane Vance, otherwise Jane Boyd
- Dau., Ann Vance, otherwise Ann Thompson

Witnessed by:

Samuel Searight, Thomas Swaney, Jr. and Thomas Swaney, Sr.

I believe that this will is that of the first of three William Vances, the first two of which had a wife named Mary.

Beaver Co. was formed from part of Allegheny Co. in 1800. First Moon and Second Moon Townships in Beaver Co. were formed from what was Moon Township in Allegheny Co. and are located on the south side of the Ohio River west of Pittsburgh. The 1800 census for 2nd Moon Township, Beaver Co., Pa. has the following listing:

|                    |                            |
|--------------------|----------------------------|
| William Vance (#1) | >45                        |
| Wife               | >45 (Mary #1)              |
| Two sons           | 16-26 (Andrew, William #2) |
| One son            | 10-16 (John #1)            |
| One daughter       | 10-16 (Mary)               |

The will indicates that the youngest son, John, and daughter Mary are not of age which agrees with the census data

According to the will, the other three daughters were married and therefore not listed with William in the census. I believe the following listings from the 1800 census are for these daughters.

|                  |       |
|------------------|-------|
| William Campbell | 26-45 |
| Wife             | 26-45 |
| Three sons       | <10   |
| Two daughters    | <10   |

William Campbell is the only Campbell in Second Moon township in 1800. William and his daughter Agnes were heirs in the will of Jane Craig, a sister of Mary Vance #1.

|                 |                    |
|-----------------|--------------------|
| Daniel Thompson | 26-45              |
| Wife            | 16-26 (Anne Vance) |
| Two daughters   | <10                |

Daniel Thompson is listed next to William Vance in the census. Mary Vance #1's will states that Ann Vance was married to Daniel Thompson.

There are several Boyd families living in Second Moon Township in 1800, one of which is probably that of Jane (Vance) Boyd, but I have not been able to identify which one with any certainty because the

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names of wives are not included in the census. 2nd Moon Township no longer exists but in 1800 it included the present Greene Township of Beaver Co. Pa.

To estimate the birthdate of William #1, I made the following assumptions:

- 1) His three married daughters were born before William #2.
- 2) Andrew was born before William #2.
- 3) The births of the five oldest children occurred at two year intervals.
- 4) William and Mary were married one year before the first birth
- 5) Based upon his age of 61 when he died in 1841, William #2 was born in 1780. When these assumptions are used, the estimated marriage date is 1771 and the birthdate for William #1 is 1747 if he was 24 years old when he married.

Using a similar procedure, I estimated that Mary Vance #1 was born in 1750, which would mean that she was 21 years old when she married and 87 when she died. This does not seem unreasonable since she lived for 34 years after her husband died. Agnes (Vance) Campbell was 26-45 in 1800 according to the census. If she was 28 in 1800 she would have been born in 1772 as the oldest child. According to the census she gave birth to five children before 1800 which seems reasonable if she married at age 18.

The Orphan Court records of Beaver County, Volume 2, page 522, dated 2 Oct 1837, and 4 Dec 1837, show that Mary Vance #1 died intestate in 1837 and left issue four children, to wit,

Ann intermarried with Daniel Thompson,  
William Vance #2  
Mary Vance  
John Vance #1

Note that Ann (Vance) Thompson, two Mary Vances, William Vance and John Vance are in both the will and the Orphan Court Record, and both are witnessed by Samuel Searight. Her son, William Vance #2, is named as the administrator of her estate. Her only asset was a 37 acre parcel of land in Greene Township which was sold to Henry Campbell for \$350 to pay her debts. The record also states that the parcel was bounded by land owned by Henry Campbell, James Campbell and Samuel Searight. These names become important in subsequent maps and documents.

I have not been able to locate the tombstones of William (#1) and Mary (#1). It appears that Andrew, Agnes (Vance) Campbell and Jane (Vance) Boyd died before their mother did. The last will of Ann (Vance) Thompson is recorded in Volume B of the Beaver Co. will books. Ann's will was written on 19 April 1841 and probated on 12 Nov. 1841. Her brother William #2 died in Carroll Co., Ohio on 13 Feb 1841.

There are two other wills which provide clues as to the maiden name of Mary Vance #1. The first will is that of Jane Craig dated 13 Dec 1812, which is located in Beaver Co. Will Book Vol. A, p. 52, and lists three of her sisters as Mary Vance, Martha Wilson, and Catrine Swaney. The old census and tax records for Second Moon township in Beaver Co. lists all of these surnames. Katherine Swaney is listed in the 1800 census for Second Moon township with 4 sons and one daughter. Her husband Thomas Swaney, Sr. died on 6 Feb. 1800. The second will is that of Henry Craig husband of Jane Craig dated 18 Sept. 1801, which is located in Allegheny Co. Will Book, Vol. 1, p. 174, adjacent to the will of William Vance #1. In the will he refers to Jane as "my wife Jane Craig otherwise Jane Montgomery". I therefore believe that the maiden name of Mary Vance #1 was Montgomery.

William Vance #2, her oldest living son, was named as administrator of the estate of Mary Vance (#1) in Letters of Administration in the Beaver County Registers Docket Vol 1, p. 12, dated 30 Aug, 1837. This in combination with her will, makes it apparent that the Mary Vance who died in 1837 was the mother of William Vance #2 and that the Mary Vance (#2) who died in Warren Co., Iowa in 1861 was his wife. William Vance #3, was made the Administrator of her estate when his father William #2 died in 1841 (Registers Docket Vol. 1, page 31, dated 23 Feb. 1841). The estate wasn't completely settled until 31 May 1850 by Henry Vance and John Vance #2. William #3 had moved to Ohio. Henry and John Vance #2 were the Administrators of the estate of their father, William #2 (Registers Docket Vol. 1, page 32, dated 27 Feb. 1841).

The next question to be decided is whether William Vance #2 or John Vance #1 was the father of the Vance children who spent their early years on the "The Old Vance Farm in Industry, Beaver Co., Pa." It should also be noted that, according to the will and the census, John Vance #1 was between 2 and 10 years (probably 2-4 years) younger than William Vance #2. The first step was to examine land records in Allegheny, Washington, and Beaver Counties in Pennsylvania which involved the name William Vance or



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John Vance.

The first record of significance is recorded in Deed Book H (8), page 125 of Allegheny Co. dated 30 Aug 1796 when Thomas Moore conveyed to William Vance both in Moon Township, Allegheny Co, Pa., 60 acres on Service Creek, late Washington Co., now Allegheny Co.. This land was part of the original land patent granted to Thomas Moore on 23 May, 1795 in Patent Book No. 25th, page 279 and called "Locust Ridge" on the Great Road leading to the mouth of Mill Creek. This land is now in Greene Township in Beaver Co. and Mill Creek empties into the Ohio River in Geene Twp. I also obtained a map of Greene Township made in 1876 which shows the land owners at that time. The names Swaney, Searight, Campbell and Mercer are still there but all the Vances are gone in 1876.

An Indenture dated 1 Dec 1806 and recorded in Beaver Co. Deed Book Vol. A, p.561 between Mary Vance, Andrew Vance, William Vance, and John Vance of Trumbull Co., Ohio sells this same 60 acre parcel to John Mercer for \$240. The original will left the land to William #1's three sons but sister Mary is now a partner. They had apparently moved to Trumbull Co. Ohio which borders Pennsylvania to the west. I could find no land records for these Vances in the Trumbull Co. courthouse but the tax lists for Poland Township, Trumbull Co. for 1810 and 1812 show a John Vance who owns 50 acres of land in Range 1, Township 1, Section 2. Poland Township is now in Mahoning Co. which was formed in 1846 from part of Trumbull Co. There are no U. S. census records for the State of Ohio in 1800 and 1810.

The 1810 census for Ohio Township in Beaver Co., Pa. has the following listing:

|                    |       |                              |
|--------------------|-------|------------------------------|
| William Vantz (#2) | 26-45 | (30 from tombstone)          |
| Wife               | 26-45 | (Mary #2, 24 from tombstone) |
| Son                | <10   | (Henry, born 1806)           |
| Son                | <10   | (William #3, born 1808)      |

Ohio Township is directly across the Ohio River from Greene Township. There is a John Vance living in Fayette Township, Allegheny Co. in 1800 and 1810 but future records indicate that he cannot be our John Vance. Ours is probably the one in the Trumbull Co. tax records.

I found the early tax records for Beaver Co. in the Carnegie Free Library in Beaver Falls, Pa. William Vantz is listed for Ohio Township starting in 1811 with 55 acres of land, 1 horse, and one cow. I could find no deed for the purchase of this land. He is listed in the tax records of Ohio Township every year from 1811 until 1840 at which time William #2 and his sons Henry, William #3, and John #2 disappear from the tax records. The spelling of his name changes from Vantz to Vance in 1813 and doesn't change again. In 1828 Henry appears for the first time as a single man (He is now over 21). William Vance #3 appears in the tax records in 1830 as a single man, age 21. John Vance #2 appears as a single man in 1833 indicating that he may have been born in 1811 or 1812. John Vance #1 is not listed in the tax records of Ohio Township for any of the years 1811-1840. He is probably in Trumbull Co. Ohio.

There is a deed recorded in Book F, page 20 of the Beaver Co land records on 18 March, 1817 in which William Vance #2 of Ohio Township bought 20.8 acres of land from William Eckles for \$68. It is part of the Penn's Dale tract patented on 17 March 1809. Another deed dated 17 April 1819 and recorded in Book F, page 21 records the purchase of 67.1 acres in Ohio Township from Jacob Phyllis for \$201. It is part of a patent granted to Jacob Phyllis on 11 Dec 1818. It is adjacent to the 20.8 acres bought previously. The tax records reflect the increase in acreage for William Vance.

The 1820 census for Ohio Township lists William, his wife, 3 sons and a daughter. Elizabeth was born in 1817. The only John Vance in the Beaver Co. census lives in Little Beaver Township and has no children !

William Vance #2 bought more land in Ohio Township on 8 April 1828. Volume H. pages 195 and 196 records the purchase of 46 acres from Samuel Seabrooks and 104 acres from John Buckmaster all in the Wolf Run and Penns Dale land patents. William now owns close to 300 acres according to the tax records. This land is undoubtedly the old Vance Farm in Industry, Pa. referred to in my Vance family records. Wolf Run is a small stream that empties into the Ohio River at Industry. I visited this area in 1997 and found the land to be steep, heavily wooded, and most of it is not suitable for anything except the raising of livestock. There are a few acres flat enough to farm. The tax records show that William built a sawmill in 1828 and operated it until he left for Carroll Co, Ohio in 1839 or 1840. The land he bought in 1828 was probably to get timber for his sawmill.

The 1830 census for Ohio Township lists the following family members for William Vance:

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The 1830 census for Ohio Township lists the following family members for William Vance:

|            |       |                |             |
|------------|-------|----------------|-------------|
| William #2 | 40-50 | Wife (Mary #2) | 30-40 (44?) |
| Son        | 20-30 | Henry,         | 24          |
| Son        | 20-30 | William #3,    | 22          |
| Son        | 15-20 | John #2        | 17          |
| Son        | 5-10  | Andrew         | 5?          |
| Son        | <5    | James          | 1           |
| Female     | 20-30 | ?              |             |
| Female     | 10-15 | Elizabeth      | 13          |
| Female     | 5-10  | Mary Jane      | 9           |

If my information is correct Mary Vance #2 died in 1861 at age 75 and would therefore have been 44 in 1830. I have no information concerning Andrew's birthdate but it must have been before James. I believe that James Vance died in Warren Co., Iowa on 12 March 1882 at age 52 and was therefore born in 1829. Nancy Vance was born on 10 June 1830 according to her tombstone, so the census must have been taken before 10 June. The female age 20-30 might be Henry's wife, however both Henry and William #3 are listed as single men in the tax records as late as 1833. William #3 married Ann Shafer from Trumbull Co., Ohio on 6 April 1836 according to old copies of the Western Argus newspaper stored in the Carnegie Free Library. Its successor, the Beaver Argus listed the marriage of John Calvin to Nancy Vance on 9 March 1852 but I could find no marriage records for the other Vance children listed above. The children listed for Henry Vance in the 1850 Census indicate that Henry didn't get married until about 1840 so I don't have any idea who the extra female, age 20-30, is.

The "History of Beaver County", Vol I, p. 176 by Joseph H. Bausman includes an interesting reprint from the Western Argus dated 21 Feb. 1834 entitled "Great Circular Fox Hunt" (See copy printed at the end of this article), which names John, Henry, and William Vance as participants and also includes many of the names in the deeds and land patents.

A Vance oral history, which I think was written by Minnie Whims, a daughter of Glaphyra Ketura (Vance) Whims in about 1907, says that John Vance married Elizabeth Engle and produced the children listed above. I therefore searched for the Engle name in all the Beaver Co. records. Henry Engle (also listed as Ingle or Ingles) was a neighbor of William Vance #2 and is in the land and tax records for Ohio township. He witnessed some of the Vance family documents. He had two sons Henry, Jr. and George. Andrew, George and Henry Ingle are also listed as participants in the fox hunt. Henry Engle, Sr. probably died in 1827 because he disappears from the tax records in 1827 but his sons remain. Andrew Ingles is also in the tax records of Ohio township in 1815-1828 and listed for the Great Circular Fox Hunt. It is therefore quite possible that John Vance #1 married an Elizabeth Engle and lived in Trumbull Co., Ohio, although I have not been able to find any records to support this. However, I think the evidence is overwhelming that William #2 and Mary Vance #2 were the owners of "the Old Vance Farm" and were the parents of the children who we are descended from.

William Vance #2 moved to Carroll Co., Ohio in 1839 or 1840 where he bought 80 acres of land in section 18 of Fox Township for \$900. (Recorded in Vol 7, p. 127 of the Carroll Co. deed books). He is listed on the 1840 U.S. Census for Carroll Co. with a wife 40-50 (Mary should have been 54), a son 15-20 (Andrew ~15), a son 10-15 (James ~11), and a daughter 10-15 (Nancy (10)).

William Vance #3 and his wife Ann Shafer, who were married in 1836, are listed in the 1840 U.S. census for Ohio Township in Beaver Co. with one daughter <5. The 1850 census for Carroll county Ohio shows that another Mary Vance was born to William and Ann in 1838 and a son Jacob S. Vance was born in 1840, apparently too late for the census.

John Vance #2 and his wife Jane Hanby, who were married on 6 Aug. 1839, are listed in the 1840 U.S. census for Ohio Township in Beaver Co. with no children.

The only Henry Vance listed in the 1840 census index for Pa. is located in Somerset Township in Washington Co. Henry, his wife Hannah, and 3 children are listed in Ohio Township in 1850. Their oldest child (another William Vance) was 8 in 1850 indicating that Henry probably wasn't married yet in 1840. Hannah was born in Ohio and I suspect that her maiden name was Shafer and probably a sister of William #3's wife Anne. Perhaps he was courting in Trumbull Co. in 1840. It appears that Henry, William #3, and John #2 stayed on the farm in Industry when their father and the younger members of the family moved to

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Carroll Co. Ohio.

William Vance #2 died in Carroll Co. on 13 Feb 1841 at the age of 61 and is buried in Glade Run cemetery in East Township, Carroll Co., Ohio, about five miles from his farm in Fox Township. There is a gravestone next to William #2 engraved as "James son of William and , age 3" which indicates that the youngest son of William #3 died in 1850. The land in this area is much more suitable for farming so I can see why he left Industry, Pa. if farming is what he wanted to do. The 1850 census for Carroll Co. shows that William #3 took over the Fox Township Ohio farm after his father died. I have been unable to find his mother, Mary Vance #2 (age 64), or his sister, Nancy Vance (age 20), in the 1850 census for either Ohio or Pennsylvania. They probably returned to "the Old Vance Farm" (now operated by John Vance #2), where Mary #2 probably had lots of old friends, because Nancy married John Calvin in 1852 in Beaver Co.

William #3 and his wife Ann sold the farm in Carroll Co., Ohio on 30 Aug 1851. The sale is recorded in Vol 12, page 486 of the Carroll Co deed books. The 1853 census for Greenfield Twp in Warren Co., Iowa lists a W. Vance with 2 males and 5 females which corresponds exactly with his known family members if son James died in 1850. J.C. Vance (James) is also listed in this census indicating that the Vance brothers moved to Iowa in 1852. Josiah and Elizabeth (Vance) Hanby also moved from Harrison Co. Ohio to Warren Co., Iowa in about 1852. Harrison Co. borders Carroll Co. on the south. John and Nancy (Vance) Calvin were married on 9 March 1852 and moved to Indiana for a short time and then to Warren Co , Iowa. Perhaps they all went together in a covered wagon train. Margaret Daleske of Reeds Springs, Mo. is a descendant of Josiah and Elizabeth (Vance) Hanby.

There is another sideline I intend to explore when I get time. The 1850 census lists Amanda Shaffer (age 14) and Daniel Shaffer (age 12) living with Henry and Hannah Vance (born in Ohio). William #3, who according to the 1850 census was born in Ohio, married Ann Shafer from Trumbull Co. Ohio. There is a Daniel Shafer listed for Trumbull Co. in the Ohio census index for 1830. My guess is that Hannah, Ann Shafer, Amanda Shaffer, and Daniel Shaffer may all be children of the Daniel Shafer listed in the 1830 census index. This may be where Henry Vance was at the time of the 1840 census.

The estate of William Vance #2 was settled by a series of deeds recorded on 17 Nov 1851 in Beaver Co., Pa. in which his children (with the exception of Andrew Vance) sell their interests in "the Old Vance Farm" to their brother John Vance. Andrew (age 24) is listed in the 1850 census as a school teacher living with John Vance in Ohio Township. I don't know what happened to Henry Vance but the rest of the brothers and sisters headed west to Iowa and Kansas during the 1850's. John Vance #2 sold 286 acres of the old Vance farm on 1 Nov 1855 for \$10,000. to Charles Shriner. A. W. Vance also signed the deed so Andrew apparently still retained his minority interest after 1851.

John Vance then moved across the Ohio River and bought land in Greene Township near the land once owned by his grandfather. He bought 144 acres on 3 Nov 1855 from the same Charles Shriner. (Beaver Co. Deed Book No. 34, p. 511). He sold this farm on 12 March 1862 to William Morrow for \$3500. (recorded in Beaver Co. Deed Book 42, p. 621). The map of Greene township in 1876 has the name William Morrow (130 acres) in the upper right hand corner. This is probably the farm that was once owned by John Vance. It must have been at this time that he left Pennsylvania for Kansas. Gary Vance of Pawnee, Ok. is a descendant of this John Vance.

Today Industry Pa. is marked by signs as a historical site but only a few old buildings and houses remain. A nuclear power station has been built directly across the Ohio River at Shippingport in Greene Township. There is a side road that turns off the main highway at Industry and goes up Wolf Run to the scattered houses that are now located on the old Vance property. The first side street off this road in Industry is called Vance Way.

There are two old Presbyterian, and two newer cemeteries near Hookstown in Greene Township in one of which I suspect William #1 and his wife Mary #1 are buried. Burial records exist for most of the cemeteries in Beaver county with the exception of Greene Twp. I examined the stones in one of the cemeteries but found no Vances but did find many of the names listed in the wills and deeds including that of Samuel Searight who died in 1815. However, many of the stones were very old and unreadable and the cemetery is not maintained. I didn't have time to tour the other cemeteries.

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GREAT CIRCULAR FOX HUNT

From the Western Argus, February 21, 1834

A fox hunt will take place on Friday, the 28th of February, 1834, commencing on the Ohio river at the Widow Spencer's, thence along the state road to Nevill's sawmill, thence to Samuel Hoyt's sawmill, thence to intersect the state road, opposite the Four-Mile meeting house; thence along the state road to Andrew Ingle's, then along the state road to Fairview, thence to Ohioville, thence along the state road to Amos Dawson's, thence to Smith's Ferry.

Officers to take charge of the line from Widow Spencer's to Nevill's sawmill:

Robert Potter, Arthur Campbell, John Spencer, William Sutherland, John Wilson, William Vance and Adam Montgomery. From Nevill's sawmill to William Reed's--Richard Knight, George Ingle, David Knight, John T. Nevill, Michael Eckles. From William Reed's to the state road opposite the Four-Mile meeting house--William Reed, Washington Phillis and Jesse McGaffick. From the meeting house to Andrew Ingle's--John Reed, Milo Reed, Alfred Lyon, George Barclay, Joseph Bams, Henry Vance, William Vance and Thomas Marker. From Andrew Ingle's to Fairview--John Marker, John Thompson, William Thompson, John Vance, Henry Ingle, Alexander Moore, John Slantz, Hugh Graham, Noble Graham, Michael Mason, Samuel Duncan and James Russell. From Fairview to Ohioville--Samuel Dickson, Hugh Ferguson, Samuel Wherry. From Ohioville to Amos Dawson's--William C. Moore, James Johnson, Matthew J. Johnson, Dr. John Clark. From Dawson's to Smith's Ferry--Benjamin Dawson, James Todd, Nicholas Dawson, Daniel Biddle, Samuel McFerron, Thomas Foster, Samuel Smith, Andrew McClure, John Bams and Isaac Alexander.

All sportsmen are invited to meet on the lines at 9 o'clock, the starting signal to be given at 10 o'clock, the signal to be started at the crossroads (Ephraim Thomas') by blowing of horns five minutes without intermission. The blowing of all horns is forbidden until that hour. The men are requested to march slow and in good order, and examine the thickets and rocks carefully; the closing ground to be in the glades near Pott's Island, where it will be marked plain. The first closing line will be from Samuel Campbell's up past Sampson Marker's, thence around the river hill to Alexander Moore's, thence around the foot of the hill back to Richard McClure's, and on around to the river, the line to be well marked. The men will form into the first line and will not march into the closing ground until a signal is given from the center of the closing ground by the beating of a drum or the sounding of a horn. They will then march in slow, and with as little noise as possible. The officers all keeping their places on the lines. The dogs must not be let loose until a signal is given after closing. Any dog let loose before this signal will be in danger of being shot. The men will all be careful to keep their places on the lines closing. We request all, that conveniently can, to come on foot; persons on horseback will please put up their horses before marching into the closing ground. The officers will be careful to keep their places with the men on the lines, and use their best endeavors to keep the lines unbroken. All sportsmen are invited to attend with their dogs and horses.

Many Sportsmen

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**Charles Vance of Lancaster/York Co. Pennsylvania**  
Compiled by Kathleen Mason

**Charles Vance** will probated in York Co. PA. dated 23 Mar 1763, probated in Cumberland Twp. York County, PA on 18 Aug 1773. Will Book C pg. 174/6. Wife Sarah named. Children listed in this order: Hugh, Thomas, Robert, Sarah, Hannah, Mary. Hugh and Thomas are executors. Copy of will at end of the article. Witnesses: Hugh Fergus, Hill Wilson, Ann Vance. (Research of Phyllis Worrall & Virginia Lovett & others)

1734 Will of John Vance dated 14 July, Lancaster Co. Va. probated 25 July, 1734. WB A, Vol 1. Names wife Mary, children: Sons Hugh, George (equal parts) and daughter Jean. Executors: James Graham and **Charles Vance**. Witnesses: John Craighead, Jerett Graham and **Charles Vance**. Research of Phyllis Worrell and Jan Francis.

23 Jan 1738 Kent County, Delaware Probate Records 1680-1800. Pg. 85. James Vance will made Jan 23, 1738. Heirs: **Cousins**, Hannah Killpatrick (wife of John Killpatrick), George Vance, **Charles Vance**, Alexander Vance; half brother Charles Stewart; Rev. John Hones; uncle Alexander Vance, Patrick, Elizabeth Vance, children of Mary Vance. Executors - friends James Gorrell, Robert Rowland. Witnesses Alex Farquhar, Benjamin Ogle, George Grier. Probated Feb 1, 1738. *Is this **Charles Vance** the same one?*

1739 **Charles Vance** of Pequa was an elder of Donegal Presbytery, Lancaster County, PA. Virginia Genealogies by Hayden pg. 458..Research of Jan Francis

1741 **Charles Vance** was on the Cumberland Township tax roll of York County, Pa. (Jan Francis)

1744 **Charles Vance** is mentioned in regard to a transfer of church property for Reverend Adam Boyd and Thomas Clark of Sudbury Township, Chester County (from which Lancaster was formed). This transaction was affirmed 18 April 1761. Ref: Lancaster County Deeds, Research of Jan Francis)

17 March 1749 Lancaster Co. PA. **Charles Vance** - 150 acres land. Ref.: Vol XXIV, Warrantees of Land, PA Archives, 3<sup>rd</sup> Series pg. 550.

1756 John Ford & wife Juan of Carnarvon twp, release to John Maxwell of same twp, 121 pounds, 18 sh 4d 66 acres Carnarvon twp: Edward Hughs, John Jenkins, John Ford Part of 190 acres confirmed to John Ford by Joseph Pugh, sheriff. 4 Oct 1756. Wit: George (X) Shoop, **Chas Vance** 16 Aug 1758. J7 Reference D 471, Lancaster Co. PA.

1756 John Ford and wife Juan:X of Carnarvon twp. Mortgage to John Hughes of Philadelphia for 117 pounds-7/. 191 acres Carnarvon twp: No description, residue of 341 acres. Joseph Pugh, sheriff, 6 Nov 1756 to John Ford, reserving 66 acres which John Ford & wife grant to John Maxwell. 19 Dec 1756. George Shoop:X, **Charles Vance** J7 26 March 1757. Recorded Lancaster Co. PA E 149.

16 Aug 1758 **Charles Vance** acted as a witness Carnarvon Twp. No further info. Lancaster County Deeds. Ref: Alberta lisk & Jan Francis.

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1762 Rev. Adam Boyd of Sadsbury tp Chester Co. PA, & Thomas Clark of West Cain tp., Chester Co., release to Rev. Robert Smith, clerk & James Whithill, Gerard Graham, **Charles Vance**, Thomas Cochran and Robert Armor, all of Lancaster County & John Hanna of Chester Co. Recorded Book H 1762-1768. There is no specific date in the abstract, but William Clark, father of Thomas Clark, **owned 2 acres on which Presbyterian church & burial ground located**. He did not have full confirmation of tract, having warrant & survey, but greatest part of purchase price was paid and patented made of 350 acres 22 May 1744 to Adam Boyd & Thomas Clark, exors. Of William Clark will, children of testator being under age 18 Apr 1761. Grantors affirmed on 1 May 1762.

7 July 1764 **Charles Vance** acted as a witness reference in Deed Abstract. Earltown. No further info. Ref. Alberta Lisk. Jan Francis. Shows Carnarvon Twp., same date..

1765 **Charles Vance** filed claim on 300 acres located on Marsh Creek. York County, PA. Ref.: PA Settlers Upon Manor of the Maske, Adams Co. (Adams County created from York in 1800) - submitted by Alberta Lisk.) Records of Department of Interior, Harrisburg, PA.

1765 **Charles Vance** had land along the Pennsylvania-Maryland boundary consisting of 441 acres which was surveyed for him in May 1765. This land was in Cumberland Township, York (now Adams County). Ref: The Historical Society of York County, 250 East Market St., York PA 17403 in a letter to Clarence Vance of Knoxville Tn. in 1972. Found in Clarence Vance collection at McClung Library, Knoxville, TN by Kathleen Mason.

1771 **Charles Vance** on Cumberland Twp., York County, PA Tax Roll.

12 June 1790 Hugh Vance of Parish of Norbonne, VA. was named Executor of **Charles Vance** of Cumberland Twp, York Co. PA. This is a Quit Claim, which also names Robert Vance, James McCalister, Hannah Patterson and John Park, to a tract of land of **Charles Vance**, dec'd, in Cumberland Twp. York Co. PA to attorney William Stuart. This also included his release to William Stuart "all my claim and interest in two obligations for money which I received from Stuart and transmitted to Col. David Grier, my attorney in York." Research of Phyllis Worrall.

No Dates on these references, Deed Abstracts by Thomas Mayhill, Research of Phyllis Worrall: Some may be duplications of above.

**Charles Vance** D 471 Charles Vance witnessed a deed.

**Charles Vance** E 149. Charles Vance witnessed a deed.

**Charles Vance** H 5, Charles Vance, Trustee, Presbyterian Church deed of 2 acres.

**Charles Vance** H 243. Charles Vance witnessed a deed in Earltown for 56 acres.

1777 Lancaster Co. PA Deeds & Oaths of Allegiance pg. 166 showed Adam Vance affirmed oath to PA on 24 Oct. 1777, and William Vance on 1 July 1777. Moses Vance before 1 May 1779, also **Charles**, George and Jacob of Lebanon, PA. This **Charles** cannot be the subject of this articles, as he is deceased by then. Who was he, and what connection?

**Very important!! The will of Charles Vance was filed on the same page as will of John Vance, which follows this article. Must be some connection...this is a breakthrough - but how? Help us identify these families and their relationship.**



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WILL of Charles Vance, Aug. 18, 1773

York County, Pa. Will Book C Page 174-175-176

IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN.

The 23rd Day of March & Year of our Lord one thousand Seven Hundred & Seventy three. I Charles Vance of the Township of Cumberland County of York & Province of Pensylvania being weak in Body but of perfect Mind & Memory Thanks be given unto God. Therefore calling to mind the mortality of my Body & knowing that it is appointed for all men once to Die Do make & ordain this my last Will & Testament That is to say Principally & first of all I recommend my Soul into the Hands of God who gave it And my Body to the Dust to be buried in a decent Christian like manner at the discretion of my Executors Nothing doubting but that at the last Day they shall be reunited by the mighty power of God And touching Such worldly Estate wherewith it hath pleased almighty God to Bless me in this life I do bequeath give demise (devise?) & dispose of in the following manner, Viz. Imprimis It is my Will & I do Order that all my Just Debts & Funeral Charges be paid & fully satisfied. ITEM It is my Will & I do Order that the Plantation whereon I now live together with my Goods & Chattels be Sold one Year after my Decease or sooner if it will better suit my Legatees, except one Cow and a bed for my Wife My Books & Household Furniture

ITEM It is my Will and I do order that the Sum of one Hundred & Fifty Pounds lawful money be laid out upon Interest & the Interest to be paid to my dear & loving Wife Sarah During her natural life & likewise it is my Will that She have a Cow, a Bed & Furniture proper to it together with one Pot & Such other Household Furniture as may appear Necessary

ITEM I give & Bequeath unto my eldest Son Hugh the Sum of Fifty Pounds lawful money which in consideration of former Expenses with him I allow to be his full Share of my Estate

ITEM I Give & Bequeath unto my second Son Thomas the Sum of One Hundred Pounds to be paid him in Cash or laid out for him on Land which he shall Choose

ITEM I give and bequeath unto my youngest son Robert the Sum of twenty shillings lawful money which in consideration of his immoral behavior in departing from me & bringing a reproach upon the Family I apprehend to be his full proportion of my estate.

ITEM I give and bequeath unto my three daughters viz. Sarah, Hannah and Mary the sum of One Hundred Pounds lawful money to each provided So much remain after former Bequeathments to be paid as soon as Money can be collected to each their proportion of what money may be in the Hands of my Executors. It is my Will that no money be collected until it becomes legally Due and further if anything remain of my Estate after these Bequeathments it is my will that it be equally divided amongst my Legatees except four pounds which I allow to be given to repair the Meeting Houses of Toms Creek & Piney Creek to be equally divided between them. And the disposal of my Books I leave to the discretion of my Executors to be by them divided

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among my Legatees And as to the Hundred & Fifty above ordered to be laid out on Interest, it is my will & I do Order that after my wifes decease fifty pounds of it be given to my Son Thomas & fifty pounds to my Son Robert at the discretion of my Executors if they find his conduct deserving, & the remainder I allow to be equally divided among my other Legatees viz. Hugh, Sarah, Hannah and Mary. Finally I do constitute ordain and appoint my Two Sons Hugh and Thomas joint executors of this my last Will & Testament and I do hereby utterly disallow revoke and disanull all and every other and former Wills, Testaments, Legacies Bequeathments and Executors by me in any wise before named willed or bequeathed, ratifying and confirming this and no other to be my last Will and Testament in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and Seal the Day and Year above written.

Signed, Sealed published, Pronounced and declared by the said Charles Vance as his last Will and Testament in presence of us subscribers.

Hugh Fergus  
Hill Willson

his  
Charles C Vance  
mark

her  
Ann X Vance  
mark

York County Pa. Before me Samuel Johnston, Esquire, Deputy Register for the Probate of Will and granting letters of administration in and for the County of York in the Province on Pennsylvania, personally appeared Hugh Fergus and Hill Willson, two of the Subscribing Witnesses to the within Instrument of Writing and the said Hugh Fergus on his solemn oath taken with the uplifted hand he conscientiously scrupling the taking of and Oath in the usual form and the said Hill Willson on his solemn oath taken on the holy Evangelists of Almighty God, do depose and say they were personally present and saw and heard Charles Vance the Testator within named make his mark to seal publish and Declare the within Instrument of Writing, as and for his last Will and Testament. That at the time of doing thereof the said Charles Vance was of sound disposing mind memory and understanding according to the best of these Deponents knowledge and belief that they subscribed their Names as Witnesses to the same in the presence of the said Testator and at his request.

Sworn and Subscribed before me at York, the Eighteenth day of August, 1773

Sam'l Johnston Dep. Reg.      Hugh Fergus  
Hill Willson

A True copy compared with the Original at York  
Sam'l Johnston Dep. Reg.

MEMORANDUM That Letters Testamentary in common Form were Granted to Hugh Vance and Thomas Vance of the Estate of Charles Vance late of York County Yoeman Deceased. Inventory to be Exhibited into the Registers Office at York at or before the eighteenth Day of October next and an Account or Reckoning at or before the eighteenth Day of August next Given under my Hand and the Seal of said office at York the 18th Day of August 1773.

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Sam'l Johnston, Dep. Reg.

York County, Pennsylvania Will of John Vance 1773  
Research of Phyllis V. Worrall

The following will was copied with the same spelling as used in the recorders book. This type will is what we would all wish for - it names the relationship of each person. Thus this family consists of the following siblings: Phyllis hopes this will assist someone.

1. John Vance (maker of the will)
2. Jean Vance
3. Elizabeth Vance
4. William Vance (a minor)
5. Samuel Vance
6. Ezekiel Vance
7. Agnes Vance

Will of John Vance, York County Pa. Will book C, page 176-177

Beginning on page 176--

The last will and testament of me John Vance I being at present in my right sences and perfect presence of mind though wake & sickly in body I do in the first place Will and bequeath my immortal Soule to god who give it. Next I Will all my just and lawful debts to be payed and my Corps decently buried out of my estate: and the remender of my wholl affects I will and bequeath unto my two sisters, Jean Vance and Elisabeth Vance: all and whole my lands goods and Chatles Save my wearing Close which I will and bequeath unto my brother William Vance: and one twenty shillings for to be paid to him at the age of twenty years and if he should decease ere he arive to that age I will it to be & remain to my too sisters properly as their own and Nixt I will and bequaith unto my brother Samuel two shillings. and to Ezekell the sume of two shillings also: and also unto my sister Agnes the sume of two shillings

farther

Will Book C page 177 continuing the Will of John Vance---

farther I constitute and apoint William Gifen the executor of this my last Will and Testament made this ninth day of January one thousand seven hundred and seventy three

John Vance

Signed in the presence of us

her

Sarah Jonson

mark

John Goudy

Certification of will follows by Sam'l Johnston deputy register dated August 20, 1773



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## TENNESSEE

Research of Mary Vance Norfleet

The following list contains the names of Vance individuals or families who were not heads of household in the 1850 census. All members of the household are listed by name, age, sex, occupation and place of birth; for other information see original census record. Individuals with a + are listed as Mulatto; individuals with \* are listed as Black; unmarked listed as White.

### Bedford County, p. 157

|                 |    |   |           |    |
|-----------------|----|---|-----------|----|
| Isreal Harris   | 50 | M | Shoemaker | TN |
| Martha Harris   | 45 | F |           | TN |
| Mary Vance      | 13 | F |           | TN |
| John Vance      | 12 | M |           | TN |
| Sarah Vance     | 9  | F |           | TN |
| Martha P. Vance | 6  | F |           | TN |
| Thomas Vance    | 5  | M |           | TN |
| Rufus Vance     | 1  | M |           | TN |

### Carter County, p. 166

|                    |    |   |         |    |
|--------------------|----|---|---------|----|
| Elizabeth Simmerly | 35 | F | None    | NC |
| Mary Simmerly      | 10 | F |         | TN |
| Sally Simmerly     | 6  | F |         | TN |
| Oly Simmerly       | 5  | F |         | TN |
| Willson Cooper     | 3  | M |         | TN |
| Clingruan Cooper   | 1  | M |         | TN |
| Abner Vance        | 30 | M | Laborer | TN |

### Carter County, p. 167

|               |    |   |        |    |
|---------------|----|---|--------|----|
| John Winters  | 55 | M | Farmer | VA |
| Nancy Winters | 58 | F |        | NC |
| David Vance   | 6  | M |        | TN |
| John Vance    | 4  | M |        | TN |

### Davidson County, p. 240

|                 |    |   |         |    |
|-----------------|----|---|---------|----|
| Burwell Eakin   | 72 | M | Laborer | VA |
| Susan Eakin     | 57 | F |         | VA |
| Nancy Vance     | 16 | F |         | NC |
| George W. Vance | 12 | M |         | TN |
| Reba Eakin      | 10 | F |         | TN |

### Giles County, p. 448

|                      |    |   |        |    |
|----------------------|----|---|--------|----|
| A. L. McWilliams     | 20 | M | Farmer | AL |
| Mariah H. McWilliams | 19 | F |        | TN |
| Mary Vance           | 60 | F |        | NC |

### Greene County, p. 423

|                    |      |   |        |    |
|--------------------|------|---|--------|----|
| John Greenlee      | 24   | M | Farmer | TN |
| Elizabeth Greenlee | 18   | F |        | TN |
| James Greenlee     | 4/12 | M |        | TN |
| Mary Vance         | 84   | F |        | SC |
| Abraham Sherfey    | 49   | M | Farmer | VA |
| Mary Sherfey       | 19   | F |        | VA |
| Adam Sherfey       | 18   | M |        | VA |
| Christery Sherfey  | 17   | F |        | VA |
| Catherine Sherfey  | 15   | F |        | VA |
| Abraham Sherfey    | 13   | M |        | VA |
| Elizabeth Sherfey  | 10   | F |        | VA |
| Amanda Sherfey     | 2    | F |        | VA |

### Haywood County, p. 99

|                 |    |   |           |    |
|-----------------|----|---|-----------|----|
| W. P. Truman    | 30 | M | Constable | SC |
| Martha Truman   | 29 | F |           | TN |
| Thomas Truman   | 9  | M |           | TN |
| Margaret Truman | 7  | F |           | TN |
| Claiborn Truman | 6  | M |           | TN |
| Francis Truman  | 5  | F |           | TN |

|                |    |   |         |    |
|----------------|----|---|---------|----|
| William Truman | 3  | M |         | TN |
| Sarah Truman   | 1  | F |         | TN |
| C. H. Truman   | 26 | M | Trading | TN |
| William Vance  | 40 | M | Laborer | NC |
| R. Dackworth   | 80 | M | None    | NC |

### Henry County, p. 286

|               |    |   |            |    |
|---------------|----|---|------------|----|
| Stephen Perry | 35 | M | Blacksmith | TN |
| Adeline Perry | 30 | F |            | TN |
| Selitia Perry | 10 | F |            | TN |
| William Perry | 8  | M |            | TN |
| William Vance | 81 | M | Farmer     | NC |

### Jefferson County, p. 330

|                  |    |   |            |    |
|------------------|----|---|------------|----|
| Daniel Lyle      | 59 | M | Clergy MEC | TN |
| Lucinda Lyle     | 45 | F |            | TN |
| Thomas Vance     | 25 | M | Laborer    | TN |
| Ophelia Hays     | 32 | F |            | TN |
| Susan A. Cothen? | 10 | F | +          | TN |

### Jefferson County, p. 398

|                  |    |   |         |    |
|------------------|----|---|---------|----|
| Henry Mosley     | 56 | M | Farmer  | SC |
| Elizabeth Mosely | 40 | F |         | SC |
| David Mosley     | 22 | M | Laborer | SC |
| Rhoda Vance      | 30 | F |         | TN |
| Nancy E. Vance   | 3  | F |         | TN |

### Jefferson County, p. 455

|                  |    |   |         |    |
|------------------|----|---|---------|----|
| Joseph D. Miller | 27 | M | Farmer  | SC |
| Amelia J. Miller | 25 | F |         | SC |
| Josephina Miller | 1  | F |         | TN |
| William Franklin | 20 | M | Laborer | TN |
| P. Vance         | 27 | M | Laborer | TN |
| William Davis    | 26 | M | Laborer | VA |

### Knox County, p. 81

|              |    |   |        |    |
|--------------|----|---|--------|----|
| James Watt   | 54 | M | Farmer | VA |
| Sarah Watt   | 46 | F |        | TN |
| James Vance  | 20 | F | Farmer | TN |
| Joseph Vance | 17 | M |        | TN |
| John Vance   | 14 | M |        | TN |
| Sarah Vance  | 11 | F |        | TN |
| Martha Vance | 9  | F |        | TN |
| Samuel Vance | 5  | M |        | TN |

### Macon County, p. 95

|                   |    |    |        |    |
|-------------------|----|----|--------|----|
| James Burnley     | 45 | M  | Farmer | VA |
| Rachel Burnley    | 40 | F  |        | VA |
| Mary Burnley      | 15 | F  |        | TN |
| Malinda Burnley   | 12 | F  |        | TN |
| Alexander Burnley | 3  | M  |        | TN |
| Sarah A. Burnley  | 2  | F  |        | TN |
| Malinda Vance     | 30 | M? |        | TN |

### Monroe County, p. 45

|                     |    |    |        |    |
|---------------------|----|----|--------|----|
| Alexander Henderson | 33 | M  | Farmer | TN |
| Matilda Henderson   | 23 | M? |        | TN |
| William Vance       | 21 | M  | Farmer | TN |

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**Monroe County, p. 45 Continued**

|                |    |          |    |
|----------------|----|----------|----|
| Winchester     | 14 | M *      | TN |
| Mary           | 9  | F *      | TN |
| John Henderson | 83 | M Farmer | VA |

**McMinn County, p. 261**

|                       |    |          |    |
|-----------------------|----|----------|----|
| Martin D. Anderson    | 47 | M Farmer | VA |
| Lydia Anderson        | 45 | F        | VA |
| Mary Ann Anderson     | 19 | F        | TN |
| James K. Anderson     | 16 | M Farmer | TN |
| William H. Anderson   | 13 | M        | TN |
| Louisa E. C. Anderson | 12 | F        | TN |
| Isaac Vance           | 10 | M        | TN |
| Mary Anderson         | 69 | F        | ?  |

**McNairy County, p. 73**

|                  |    |          |    |
|------------------|----|----------|----|
| Martin Steward   | 31 | M Farmer | NC |
| Mary Steward     | 28 | F        | TN |
| Jane Steward     | 10 | F        | TN |
| Martha Steward   | 8  | F        | TN |
| Margaret Steward | 5  | F        | TN |
| William Steward  | 1  | M        | TN |
| Katharine Vance  | 22 | F        | TN |

**Obion County, p. 357**

|                  |    |   |    |
|------------------|----|---|----|
| Margaret Duncan  | 33 | F | KY |
| David Duncan     | 8  | M | TN |
| Elizabeth Duncan | 7  | F | TN |
| Levi Duncan      | 4  | M | TN |
| Jane Duncan      | 2  | F | TN |
| Elizabeth Vance  | 65 | F | VA |

**Robertson County, p. 35**

|                     |    |          |    |
|---------------------|----|----------|----|
| David Brakefield    | 58 | M Farmer | NC |
| Jemima Brakefield   | 48 | F        | VA |
| Joseph Brakefield   | 23 | M        | TN |
| Narcissa Brakefield | 16 | F        | TN |
| Robert Brakefield   | 14 | M        | TN |
| Virginia Brakefield | 7  | F        | TN |
| Harriett Vance      | 21 | F        | TN |

**Robertson County, p. 35**

|                |    |          |    |
|----------------|----|----------|----|
| Robert Nord    | 35 | M Farmer | KY |
| Elizabeth Nord | 25 | F        | KY |
| Matilda Nord   | 13 | F        | KY |
| Sarah Nord     | 10 | F        | KY |
| Harriett Nord  | 9  | F        | TN |
| William Nord   | 4  | M        | KY |
| Absalum Vance  | 18 | M Farmer | NC |

**Shelby County, p. 30**

|                   |      |               |     |
|-------------------|------|---------------|-----|
| Jonathan A. Clark | 34   | M Shoe & Boot | IRE |
| Mary E. Clark     | 31   | F             | IRE |
| Marcella Clark    | 8    | F             | KY  |
| Ann Clark         | 6    | F             | KY  |
| Owen Clark        | 4    | M             | TN  |
| Pat Clark         | 5/12 | M             | TN  |
| Romona Clark      | 24   | F             | IRE |
| Edo ? Kusack      | 21   | M Bootmaker   | IRE |
| Benjamin Camp     | 21   | M Tanner?     | MD  |
| John Esom         | 24   | M Tanner?     | TN  |
| Samuel Vance      | 22   | M Tanner?     | AL  |

**Shelby County, p. 64**

|             |    |               |    |
|-------------|----|---------------|----|
| James Riggs | 33 | M Brick Mason | PA |
|-------------|----|---------------|----|

|               |    |        |     |
|---------------|----|--------|-----|
| Mary Riggs    | 22 | F      | VA  |
| Emma Riggs    | 4  | F      | TN  |
| William Riggs | 2  | M      | TN  |
| Samuel Vance  | 37 | M None | TN  |
| Mary Burk     | 20 | F      | IRE |

**Smith County, p. 216**

|                    |      |          |    |
|--------------------|------|----------|----|
| William T Hackett  | 28   | M Farmer | VA |
| Mahala J. Hackett  | 23   | F        | TN |
| Levi W. Hackett    | 5    | M        | TN |
| John H. Hackett    | 3    | M        | TN |
| Thomas M. Haackett | 4/12 | M        | TN |
| Nancy Vance        | 17   | F        | TN |
| Edward Haynie      | 19   | M Farmer | TN |

**Smith County p. 216**

|                    |      |          |    |
|--------------------|------|----------|----|
| Jeremiah Bilk      | 51   | M Farmer | SC |
| Mary Bilk          | 36   | F        | TN |
| James Bilk         | 22   | M Farmer | TN |
| Demontargus Bilk   | 21   | M Farmer | TN |
| Matilda Bilk       | 17   | F        | TN |
| Joseph Bilk        | 15   | M Farmer | TN |
| Armstrong Bilk     | 15   | M Farmer | TN |
| Jane Bilk          | 13   | F        | TN |
| William F. Bilk    | 11   | M        | TN |
| Mary W. Vance      | 15   | F        | TN |
| Martha B. Robinson | 11   | F        | TN |
| Surien? N. Bilk    | 9    | M        | TN |
| Harrison L. Bilk   | 4    | M        | TN |
| Ann D. Bilk        | 2/12 | F        | TN |

**Smith County, p. 276**

|                    |      |          |    |
|--------------------|------|----------|----|
| John Roberts       | 25   | M Farmer | TN |
| Martha F. Roberts  | 19   | F        | TN |
| Mary J. V. Roberts | 2/12 | F        | TN |
| Joannah W. Vance   | 10   | F        | TN |

**Sullivan County, p. 45**

|                     |      |          |    |
|---------------------|------|----------|----|
| Jacob Crumley       | 55   | M Farmer | TN |
| Catharine Crumley   | 57   | F        | TN |
| George Crumley      | 22   | M Farmer | TN |
| Louisa Crumley      | 25   | F        | TN |
| James Crumley       | 32   | M Farmer | TN |
| Sarah Vance         | 27   | F        | TN |
| Isaac [Crumley?]    | 19   | M        | TN |
| Margaret [Crumley?] | 16   | F        | TN |
| Mary [Crumley?]     | 7    | F        | TN |
| William [Crumley?]  | 3    | M        | TN |
| Jacob [Vance?]      | 1    | M        | TN |
| Sarah [Crumley?]    | 1    | F        | TN |
| Julia [Crumley?]    | 0/12 | F        | TN |

**Warren County, p. 43**

|                 |    |           |    |
|-----------------|----|-----------|----|
| Robert Orear    | 45 | M Laborer | NC |
| Elizabeth Orear | 50 | F         | NC |
| Polly Orear     | 19 | F         | TN |
| John Vance      | 24 | M Laborer | TN |
| Thomas Orear    | 22 | M Laborer | TN |

**Washington County, p. 111**

|                 |    |          |    |
|-----------------|----|----------|----|
| Moses Carson    | 37 | M Farmer | TN |
| Mary Carson     | 28 | F        | TN |
| Hugh Carson     | 4  | M        | TN |
| Benjamin Carson | 1  | M        | TN |
| James Vance     | 16 | M Farmer | TN |

Famous traveler, adventurer, war correspondent, film producer, newsman, author, commentator, radio icon

## LOWELL THOMAS

and his acquaintanceship with  
the Harry Vance family of Greenville, Ohio

By Joseph H. Vance (son of Harry Vance)  
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Lowell Thomas went to far reaches of the globe with cameras rolling. He filled notebooks with data and observations. He covered wars, disasters and various adventures. He may have known personally more people than did any other person in the world. He had an inner urge and fire to visit the faraway and mysterious places on earth. He was with our army in Europe during WWI; with Lawrence in Arabia, and journeyed to the high Himalayas to make the first films of the Dalai Lama. He wrote more than 55 books.

For 17 years, beginning in the 1920's, Lowell was the voice of Movietone newsreels, shown in movie theaters nationwide. He has the record for radio's longest continually broadcast voice. He first went behind a radio microphone in 1925. In 1930 he began a Monday through Friday nightly newscast which endured until May 1976. He said: "When I started I had the whole world to myself. Walter Cronkite was 9, David Brinkley was 5 and Harry Reasoner was a 2-year-old. The rest of them weren't born yet."

We haven't space to scratch the surface of his exploits. In this article, we are interested in telling about Lowell's early life and his brush with the Harry Vance family.

Lowell was born 6 Apr 1892 at Woodington, Ohio, a tiny settlement about 4 miles northwest of Greenville, county seat of Darke Co., OH. Lowell was the son of Harry George Thomas and wife Harriet ("Nettie") Wagner (originally spelled Waggoner). His parents, whose ancestors came to the New World in the 1600's, were of English and Dutch descent. The Thomases and Wagners were good, diligent farm families. Lowell's Wagner ancestors moved



from Pennsylvania to Cincinnati in 1795. They entered a section of land [640 acres] in Darke County, the deed to which was signed in 1825. The Thomases were established Darke County residents well before the Civil War.

Harry Thomas completed the education that local schools afforded. He was determined to be a medical doctor. A few weeks after Lowell was born, the family moved to Cincinnati where Harry enrolled in a medical school. After a few of years of medical schooling, Harry Thomas moved his family to Kirkman, Iowa where he began medical practice--and Lowell, age 5, began his schooling.

Lowell's Uncle Cory Thomas was a mining engineer. In 1900 he convinced Dr. Harry to move to boom town Cripple Creek, Colorado, site of a gold strike that yielded more gold than the California or Klondike gold rushes. Dr. Thomas went to establish his medical practice. Lowell and his mother went to live among family in Darke County. Within months, Dr. Thomas arranged for them to join him in Victor, Colorado. It was near Cripple Creek, which had a population of 25,000. In 1904, Mrs. Thomas gave birth to a daughter, Pherbia, named for her grandmother, Pherbia Jackson Thomas. Lowell attended school and worked at any and every job he could find.

In 1907, Dr. Thomas decided that boom times were about over for Cripple Creek. His wife, Lowell and Pherbia went to Darke County while he set out to find greater opportunities. Mrs. Thomas rented a house in Greenville and in September Lowell enrolled in the junior class at Greenville High School. One of Lowell's teachers gave an assignment--that each student give a speech in assembly. Dr. Thomas had coached Lowell in public speaking since he was a toddler. One of Lowell's favorite speeches was Wendell Phillip's tribute to Haitian, Toussaint L' Overture. On the fateful day, an unhappy parade of fearful students mumbled through their speeches. The speech by Lowell was something else! When he finished his fiery oration, there was a burst of applause from his classmates. From that day on, the students accepted Lowell as a very good friend. He was chosen captain of the football team.

Theo Finnarn was proprietor of the local livery stable. He also ran the Union Delivery which delivered groceries for a number of food stores, including Harry Vance's grocery. Lowell took a job as a delivery man for Finnarns.

Dr. Thomas found no better prospects, so he returned to Victor. After the year in Greenville, his family, rejoined him in Colorado. Lowell completed high school in Victor. In 1910 he enrolled at University Of Northern Indiana at Valparaiso, a school of high educational excellence. Lowell worked part time and doubled up on the curriculum. In June 1911, age 19, he returned to Colorado with B. S. and M.A. degrees. After a few weeks of pick and shovel work in the mines, Lowell landed a job with the *Victor Daily Record*. He was practically a one-man newspaper staff at the *Record*. Some time later he had a short but notable newspaper career in Chicago. Then, on to bigger things!

Lowell Thomas died suddenly 29 Aug 1981 at his home in Pawling, NY, age 89, leaving a wife and son.

TUESDAY, APRIL 6, 1937

THE GREENVILLE ADVOCATE, GREENVILLE, OHIO

## Recall Early Happenings on Birthday of Lowell Thomas



(Editor's Note: The following news story, including all personal items about Lowell Thomas, who today celebrates his 45th birthday, was written by Joseph Vance, of Greenville, a student of journalism at Ohio University, Athens, O. The many interviews which Vance obtained with school-day friends of the famous radio commentator, who spent his early days in Greenville, are of especial merit).

BY JOSEPH VANCE

Just forty-five years ago today in the modest home of a village schoolmaster at Woodington, Ohio, a baby boy was born who was destined to become one of Darke county's most illustrious sons. The parents were Dr. Harry and Mrs. Nettie Wagner Thomas. The son was dubbed Lowell.

No one needs an introduction to Lowell Thomas. Every week-day night his voice is heard from coast to coast in his popular radio review of the news. His books are well-known throughout the nation. Even at the movie, he is heard with the Metrophone News. To recount his exploits and adventures is needless; every schoolboy in the land knows of his accomplishments. However, on Lowell Thomas' forty-fifth birthday many persons who knew him at Woodington or at the Greenville High School recall the countless interesting incidents that occurred when Lowell was not so famous. Some of the tales have become almost legendary and have become greatly exaggerated; others are little known.

Perhaps the most widely known of the local stories is that of the alleged arrest of Thomas for painting his class-fraternals on the sidewalks and buildings. Mr. Albert Ibaugh, 331 West Water St., former policeman, has given us what he says is "the only true and accurate story ever given out." His statement has been notarized. He says: "Many articles have been sent out and some published about the doings of Lowell Thomas while a student in the Greenville high school during the session of 1907-'8 but here are the true and actual facts of an affair in which Lowell and I were the only real participants."

"One morning in the early part of the month of May as the seniors and juniors were having their annual flag rushes and planting their colors one above the other, I happened to observe through the early dawn, Lowell down on his hands and knees with a brush and a can of paint daubing the sidewalk with the year '09 in large figures. Lowell

did not know that I was about 50 feet from him all the time he was at work."

"The report has gone forth that Thomas was shot at and also arrested and placed in the 'Hoosgow' but neither is true, as I took him in tow and made the regular beat only a few extra times that morning."

"In the morning he was halted before the mayor and given a severe lecture and reproved. A few hours later he was back at his studies."

"Some writers have made it appear that Thomas was a 'hard-boiled' desperado while at school. Far from that, he was only full of boyish and mischievous pranks, and had not a mean or revengeful disposition as some would try to have us believe."

(Signed) Albert Ibaugh:  
Sworn to and subscribed before me this 16th day of March, 1937.  
A. D. (Seal) D. H. Wheeler Notary,  
Public in and for Darke County,  
Ohio.

Miss Anna Bier, 214 East Fourth St., former teacher of art at the Greenville High school, says that Frank Clear was with Lowell at the time of the mural painting. The story goes that Frank climbed up in a tree and stayed there all night to keep from getting caught. Miss Bier heard Lowell Thomas lecture a few years ago. He told the same story but illuminated it with an account of a night in the city jail. Miss Bier knew better. She talked to him and asked him if he weren't misrepresenting the facts a little. "Well," laughed Lowell, "one has to make a good story."

The 1931 "Chief," G. H. S. annual yearbook, was dedicated to Lowell Thomas. At that time he wrote a telegram to John Engelen, Editor-in-Chief of the book, expressing his appreciation saying: "Although I realize how little I deserve the honor, I appreciate it tremendously. Your Chief is the handsomest high school annual I have ever seen. I wish I were in Greenville to thank each member of the class in person. I also wish I

were still there going to high school so I could 'play hooky' and go down to the 'old swimming hole' with Frank Clear, Dick Turner and Mike Hunter, because it is hotter than blazes here. Please give my love to Miss Bier and my regards to Mister Bailey, Mister Warner and everybody in Greenville."

Lowell Thomas.  
Dr. Frank Clear recalls some of the incidents that occurred in G. H. S. He says:

"Lowell Thomas was vigorously active in everything, including football. He was a talented speaker and even then was a wonderful debater."

"Roscoe Bowman, Sidney, Ohio, and David Bowman, telegraphic editor of the Cincinnati Times-Star knew Lowell very well."

"As to the stunts that got him into trouble with the faculty, they consisted only of painting our class numeral ('09) on the sidewalks and buildings. Both Bowman and I

were in on that. And, on yes, once we turned the fire hose on the seniors and almost flooded the high school building."

Frederick Roehm, Dean at Baldwin-Wallace College, was catching German at G. H. S. when Lowell Thomas was there. He remembers Lowell in this way:

"I had the privilege of having Lowell Thomas in my class in German for a year. Even as a student, he showed a great deal of interest in human nature stories and matters dealing with travel and exploration. He was always very much alert as soon as I would digress a little and give experiences relative to human nature happenings and travels which I had made. He was always able to mix well with folks and get along well with them in a manner that made him an outstanding leader among his group."

Miss Evelyn Roberts, Kalamazoo, Michigan, who was the music teacher at that time remembers Lowell as a member of the high school glee club.

The superintendent of schools was Mr. J. J. Martz, Washington Avenue. He can recall very little about Mr. Thomas while he was in school.

During his spare time, Lowell Thomas drove a delivery wagon for Finnerman, clerked in Vance's grocery and at a department store.

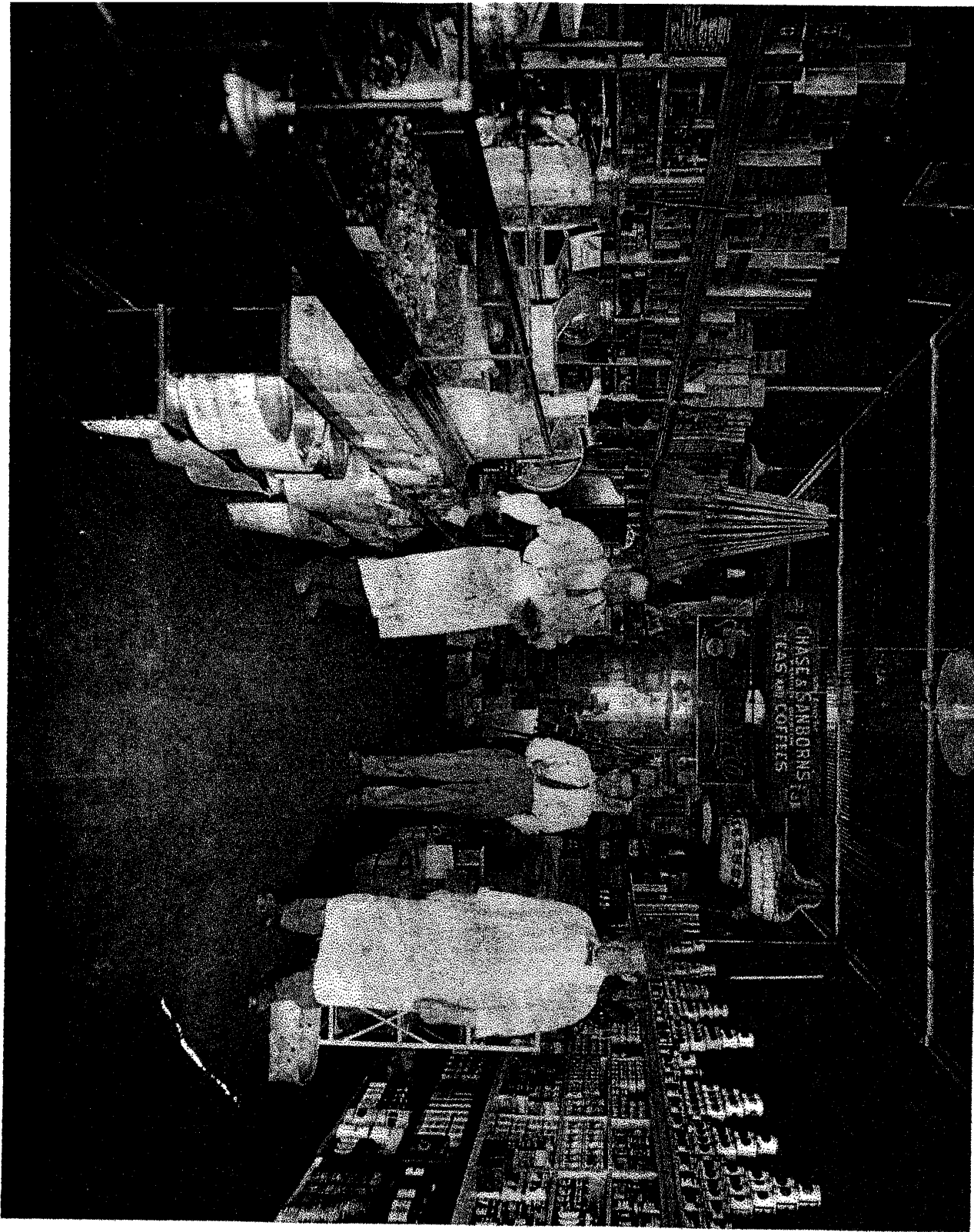
Lowell himself tells of the time that he painted his grandfather's pigs. His grandfather particularly liked red pigs, and was greatly irritated when one day a litter turned out to be all white. Lowell wanted to please his grandfather so he proceeded to change the hue of the piglets with a bucket of red paint.

It is said that the family wash-boiler at the Thomas home at Woodington was pressed into service as a family larder when not being used for its original purpose.

Lowell has purchased the old Thomas homestead located at Whitewater, Indiana, and has placed many heirlooms and relics of his pioneer forefathers. Tourists passing through Woodington or Whitewater can still see the house where Lowell Thomas was born and the former home of his early ancestors.

**Bibliography for facing page**  
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*"Lowell Thomas, The Stranger Everyone Knows."* Edited by Norman R. Bowen. Copyright 1968 by Doubleday & Company, Inc., Garden City, New York





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**Facing page:** Harry Vance's grocery, about 1905-1910. Harry Vance is man in the middle. Notice customer orders in metal baskets on the floor ready to be delivered

[1] Letter from Lowell Thomas to Harry Vance. In 1930's, Lowell had a suite at Waldorf-Astoria Hotel where he lived when in New York. Dad had written to Lowell telling him of a booklet about Greenville which he had helped prepare. He also asked questions, including whereabouts of his sister, Pherbia. Pherbia was same age as my sister, Florence Vance. Florence and Pherbia became friends during the Thomas' 1907-8 stay in Greenville.

[2] Joseph H. Vance sitting atop grocery delivery horse, in 1918. (Delivery man is holding me on.). Notice metal delivery baskets in window of wagon. This is exactly the kind of wagon that was used by Lowell.

[3] Lowell and Pherbia, on the steps of their home in Victor, Colorado. Picture is from 1912. Lowell was 20, a young newspaper editor. His stint at *Victor Daily Record* paid \$95 a month. The new *Victor News* hired him as editor at \$135 a month. In the fall of 1912 he left Victor and enrolled at University of Denver and quickly had his second B.S. and second M. A. degrees. While there he met his future wife, a coed, Frances Ryan, mother of Lowell, Jr. Lowell, Jr., author, lecturer is former lieutenant governor of Alaska.

After death of Frances in 1975, Lowell married Marianna Munn in 1977.



CABLE ADDRESS: "WALDORF" NEW YORK  
TELEPHONE: ELIZABETH 3-3000

## The Waldorf-Astoria New York

December 19, 1932

Dear Mr. Harry Vance:

Yes, that story is correct. I did once deliver groceries for your store. It seems like it was in some other life, it was so long ago. I'll be on the lookout for the booklet. Many thanks indeed for thinking of me.

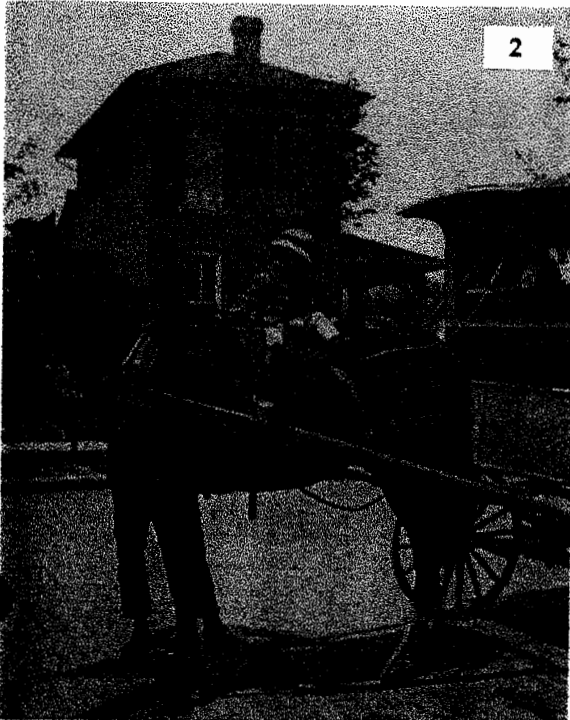
Pherbia is married now, and living in Texas. I am trying to persuade her to fly east for Christmas. If you happen to see any of my friends, please give them my best regards, and tell Al Ibaugh I hope to see him one of these days, to talk over old times.

With best wishes,

Cordially yours,

*Lowell Thomas*

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***Highland County, Ohio Annual Gathering - Descendants of \*Jacob Vance (2552)***  
***By Ruth Isabelle Vance Pratt (11839)***  
***Granddaughter of Lemuel Webster Vance (2557), Daughter of Clarence Ezekiel Vance (11832)***

This photograph is of a Vance gathering in 1900 at Aunt Margaret Vance's farm. Her farm was southwest of where I lived as a child on the Lemuel Webster Vance farm. My father Clarence Ezekiel Vance owned it when we lived there. Across the road, of dirt and gravel, was the Jacob Vance property and south of that Aunt Electa Vance Hibbs lived with her son, Joseph. The persons in the picture have been identified by my Aunt Anna Glenn Vance and recorded by Katherine Vance Wessels. Thinking of all this brings to mind many things I must take time to record. I remember Aunt Margaret's place being pointed out to me although Van Stanforth then owned the farm. It was down a lane about a mile from our farm. This location is not the Jacob Vance grove where the reunion has been noted as being held first in 1903. The grove is level, note that Aunt Margaret's place is on a hillside. Vance reunions have been held in other places; such as the meeting house in New Market, the roadside park near Hillsboro, Serpent Mound, Fort Ancient, Wilmington park, Fort Hill and John Bryan State Park. We also met at William Chaney and Jane Simon Vance's home near Orient, at a park in Newark near Amy Vance and John Tim's home, and at Ruth Vance and Albert Fields' home. These were all wonderful places for an outing on a summer Sunday.



**Standing:**

Griffith L. Vance (2558), William C. Larkin (10979), Frank Lawhead, Elias Hatfield (8675), Aunt Margaret Vance, Lydia Vance Shelton (7842), Rose Vance, Alice Vance (Mrs. John), Isaac Kellogg Vance (2552), Anna Lawhead, Auntie Hibbs (Electa Vance Hibbs 2554), Aunt Clara Vance Larkin (2559), Mrs. Isaac Kellogg Vance (Demaris Pennington Vance 7732), Minta Stanforth, Unknown Vance, Cousin Hattie Miller, Mr. & Mrs. Isaac Stanforth.

**Sitting – Back Row:**

Nellie Stanforth, Lucy Charity Vance (later Schumacher 11858), Aunt Elizabeth Glaze Vance (Mrs. Griffith L 2560), Anna Glenn Vance, Albert Shelton (7844), Mr. & Mrs. Lemuel Webster Vance (2557), Unknown Vance, Ira Miller.

**Sitting – Front Row:**

Lester Glaze Vance (2571), Truman Shelton, Joseph L. Hibbs, Paul Conn Vance, Leroy Smith Vance, Clarence Ezekiel Vance (11832), Emmet Guy Vance (11857), Charles Blount Vance.

\*Jacob Vance (2552) is the son of William Vance (9)/Rachel Mintun (10).

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GEORGIA RESEARCH  
Carol Vance Norris

Extracted from Georgia Lottery 1820

VANCE, Marcus, Huffs Mil. District, Jones Co. to Dooly Co. Lot 136, Sect. 8.

Extracted from The Headright and Bounty Grants of Georgia 1756-1909

VANCE, Davis, Burke Co., Grant Bk 000 pg. 287: granted 91 acres 1791.  
VANCE, Mrs. E., Camden Co., Grant Bk A-B pg. 1153; 454 acres 1570 sic.  
(above date must be a misprint should be 1750 or 1770.)  
VANCE, Patrick, Franklin Co., Grant Bk 000 pg. 430; 200 acres 1788.

Extracted from A Researcher's Library of Georgia History, Genealogy and Records Sources. by Robert Scott Davis, Jr. (1987).

pg. 038, VANCE, David - Pvt. Oct 1778 Thomas Bays Co. of Yoaghogania Co. Militia stationed at French Town Camp.  
pg. 036, VANCE, Robert - Commissioned Lt. in garrison with Amaed. Muster Roll of Thomas Sullivan's Co. of the 13th Va. Regt. now in the service of the U.S. commanded by Col. John Gibson, Mustered Aus. 17, 1778.

pg. 223, VANCE, David Included in "A list of Grants for Lands in Buncombe County which have been perfected since and including Apr. 1802 to the 1st of June 1807 \_\_\_\_ 13.  
1802 grantee VANCE, David 250 acres.

pg. 214, VANCE, Samuel -- Sheriff of Buncombe, North Carolina.  
"William ALLEN's home as a temporary courthouse. In 1810 Walton County was included in the federal census of Georgia and was reported with a population of 1,026. (4)  
"However, the boundary between Georgia and North Carolina had not been locted by the time of the county's formation, and this would cause major - later fatal - problems for Walton. Because of the uncertainty of state authority, the area, according to John CLAYTON (one of the first settlers), became a refuge for the "Desecrated set that could not live in human society" and who robbed settlements in all the nearby states." North Carolina believed that most, if not all, of the area claimed as Walton County by Georgia was actually within the bounds of its own Buncombe County, formed in 1791. Thus, it issued land grants and tried to collect taxes in what it considered to be Buncombe County after the formation of Walton County in 1803. ... Georgia denied the validity of these grants in the area claimed as Walton County and charged that such grants were being made to large speculators who used force and the authority of local North Carolina officials, such as Sheriff Samuel VANCE and Justice of the Peace Benjamin ODELL of Buncombe County, to evict some the original occupants from their long held lands and to force others to pay rent. North Carolina, however, answered that the grants were being made to local people - not to speculators - and, in any event, the area had enough unclaimed land for everyone. In 1806 some North Carolinians attempted to claim themselves as residents of Walton County to qualify for draws in Georgia's 1806 Land Lottery."



**BETHEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH RECORDS**

**Harford County, MD**

Research by Mary Vance Norfleet

*Some of the following individuals were listed in "John Vance Harford County, Maryland", VFA Newsletter, January, 1996, p. 20. The following information from A Collection of Maryland Church Records, Harford County.*

VANCE, William, born March 10, 1799, died October 24, 1872; husband of Mary Vance.

VANCE, Mary, born 1802, died April 7, 1857; wife of William Vance.

VANCE, Robert, born June 11, 1801, died August 21, 1855.

VANCE, Cecilia M., born March 28, 1834, died October 7, 1915; sister of James Vance.

VANCE, Mary Ellen, born July 2, 1839, died January 9, 1924.

VANCE, James W., born December 5, 1842, died August 15, 1879; a soldier in the Union Army during the War Between the States. (Two men named James Vance served in the Maryland troops during this war: one was a corporal in the First Regiment and was wounded; one was a private in the Ninth Regiment.)

VANCE, Elizabeth, born September 24, 1803, died August 11, 1886; wife of William Cairnes, and daughter of John Andrew Vance and Mary Creswell.

CAIRNES, William, born January 12, 1804, died May 13, 1874; husband of Elizabeth Vance, and son of George Cairnes and Rebecca Hope.

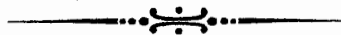
CAIRNES, Louisa, born Oct 28, 1830, died February 15, 1908; wife of Samuel Deets, and daughter of William Cairnes and Elizabeth Vance.

CAIRNES, Mary Ann, born 1833, died April 3, 1913; wife of Henry Green Wheeler, and daughter of William Cairnes and Elizabeth Vance.

CAIRNES, Rebecca J., born May 28, 1835, died May 21, 1910; wife of Charles Bay and 2<sup>nd</sup>, Nicholas Watt, and daughter of William Cairnes and Elizabeth Vance.

CAIRNES, Hannah E., born 1837, died 1920; wife of Alexander McComas and daughter of William Cairnes and Elizabeth Vance.

CAIRNES, Margaret E., born June 17, 1840, died January 21, 1926, wife of Thomas A. Bay, and daughter of William Cairnes and Elizabeth Vance.



**FREDERICK CO., MARYLAND MARRIAGE LICENSE**

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|-------------------|---------------------------------|
| 29 July 1801      | Jacob Vance to Anne Smith       |
| 10 September 1833 | William Vance to Hetty Gelwicks |

### *Misc. Research Tips From Harriet Mills Chesi*

From the Ontario, Canada index of marriages (LDS rolls):

- Perth - David Vance, 31 March 1873, Liber D, 52
- Sarah Jane Vance, 31 March 1873, Liber D. 76
- Bruce - Jane Vance, 21 October 1873, Liber A, 492

In the book, "The Descendants of John Bishop," one of the founders of Guilford, Conn. in 1639, compiled by William Whitney Cone and George Allen Root in 1951 and found in the NGS Library, p. 155, Mary Martha Bishop b. Chatham Hill, VA. Oct. 15. 66; m. John Wesley Price, son of Rev. Richard Nye and Ann Elizabeth Vance, Saltville, VA, Sep. 5.88. He was born Glade Springs, VA., Feb. 18.58, died Emory, VA, beb. 20.00. He taught school in Virginia and Tenn.; instructor Princeton Academy, Emory, VA. She attended Martha Washington College, society editor, Bristol (VA) Herald Dispatch, aided compilers in this work; res. Emory, VA., Ch:

- Charles Vance, b. July 3.89; m. Juanita McNutt; res. Charleston, W
- John Wesley, b. Apr. 8.92; res. Welch, W.Va.
- Robert, b. Nov. 13.93; d. in infancy
- Daniel Bishop, b. Mar. 20.98; res. Welch, W..VA

From the "British Aliens in the United States During the War of 1812," compiled by Kenneth Scott:

State of Maryland:

- Vance, John, age 26, 10 years in the U.S., Baltimore, Bookseller & stationer; applied Mar. 1811 (10-18 July 1812)
- Vance, Thomas, age 22., 7 years in U.S., Baltimore, Bookseller (10-18 July 1812) Connecticut: Vance, William, Stratford (1812-14)

State of New York:

*(found under misspelling Vane, but original records proved it was Vance)*

- Vance, David, age 65, 21 years in the U.S., 7 children, New Windsor, Orange Co., farmer (19-24 Oct. 1812)
- Vance, James, age 29, 20 years in U.S., New Windsor, Orange Co., carpenter (19-24 Oct. 1812)
- Vance, Moses, age 35, 21 years in U.S., wife & 7 children, New Windsor, Orange Co., farmer (19-24 Oct. 1812)

During the War of 1812, notice was given that all British subjects in the U.S. were to report to the marshal of the State or territory of their residence "the persons composing their families, the places of their residence and their occupations or pursuits; and whether, and at what time, they have made the application to the courts required by law, as preparatory to their naturalization." The date given at the end is the date of the return by the Federal marshal.

A new publication includes some Vances. The "Lost" Pensions, Settled Accounts of the Act of 6 April 1838, by Craig R. Scott (Willow Bend Books, Lovettsville, VA ([www.mediasoft.net/ScottC](http://www.mediasoft.net/ScottC))). The book is a finding aid to 144 boxes of payment records found at National Archives, Washington, DC, covering accounts from the Revolutionary War, War of 1812, various Indian Wars before 1860, and the Mexican War. According to the author, the accounts frequently show the pensioner's date and place of death and names of heirs and include supporting documents, such as proof of identity of claimant, pension certificates, power of attorney, and related correspondence. These payment records are NOT part of the collection of

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"Selected Final Payment Vouchers" that were the result of a 5 year project by the National Archives to extract genealogical material from the Revolutionary War payment vouchers. Vance names included:

- Vance, John, Mo., 123, #9956
- Vance, John, Mo., 136, #3484
- Vance, John, Mo., 139, #8932
- Vance, Nancy, a/o (administrator of), Richmond, Va., 95, #1255
- Vance, Samuel, Jonesboro, Tenn., 55, #6982, card
- Vance, Samuel, Jonesboro, Tenn., 26, #6982
- Vance, William R., PA (Pension Agent), Louisville, KY, 115, #2493 Vance
- William R., PA (Pension Agent), Louisville, KY, 116, #3780

Each entry above contains the name of the individual, the pension office, the box at National Archives in which the payment is contained, and the account number. The use of the word "card" indicates that the pension payment voucher itself is not located in this series. Usually these placeholders indicate that the records were checked out and never returned.

Copies may be obtained from Craig Scott for a fee (the cost is \$10.00 for the first pension; \$5.00 for each additional pension, plus postage). Please check with Craig in advance of placing an order for the most current prices and because he reports that the National Archives is in the process of preserving the records so they are not presently available. He expects they will be in a couple of months.

The mailing address for Craig is as follows:

Craig R. Scott, CGRS, FSA Scot

Willow Bend Books 39475 Tollhouse Road Lovettsville, VA 20180-9703

Hope this helps someone.....Harriet

**ANDREW VANCE FOUND  
(but remains lost)**

You cannot imagine my delight when early one morning in the middle of May 1998 I found **ANDREW VANCE** on the 1749 Lunenburg County, Virginia Tithable List, and locating him on the 1748 and 1750 tithable lists of the same county within the next week.

In 1748 he was on the list for the Falling River upwards, in 1749 and 1750 he was on the list from Goose Creek to the extent of the county. On all 3 lists he was taxed as "1", -- 1 adult male.

Lunenburg County, Virginia was immense at the time **ANDREW VANCE** resided there, it included all the territory from Brunswick County westward to the top of the Blue Ridge, and from North Carolina border northward to the divide between the waters of the James and the Roanoke Rivers. Lunenburg embraced the present counties of Lunenburg, Pittsylvania, Mecklenburg, Halifax, Charlotte, Patrick, Henry, most of Bedford and Campbell and a part of Appomattox.

Chalkey Vol. 2, page 145: List of Delinquents for 1750 Augusta County, VA (taxes), **JOHN VANCE**, lives in Lunenburg and **MATTHEW VANCE** was on the first tax list of Pittsylvania County after it was formed in 1767.

Does anyone have any documentation for this **Andrew Vance**, where did he come from, where did he go, did he marry, did he leave offspring? We will appreciate any clues or even a good hint!

Grace Dotson  
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# See a Mercedes M Class being built, dream about driving one

By Lynn Edge  
Special to The News

The song runs through your head whether you want it to or not. You drive along I-59/20 between Birmingham and Tuscaloosa and the nearer you get to Vance, the more you hear the song — "Oh, Lord, won't you buy me a Mercedes-Benz..."

There, on the left-hand side of the road rises "The Mercedes," the plant that's the only spot in the world producing the popular M-Class sport-utility vehicle model of the Mercedes-Benz. And even if you can't afford the product it produces, you can't help but yearn to see one.

In fact, you can see one being built from the ground up, see the pieces becoming one of the hottest selling things on the road today. And, in truth, you can't help being impressed as you make the tour of the factory.

The tour begins with a stop at the Visitor's Center. Ladies: a word of warning — leave extra time for this



## QUICK TRIP

### Vance

if you are traveling with a male. There are many cool cars on display and you'll find it's a little like taking a kid into a candy store.

After the museum is thoroughly explored, the factory tour begins. Even the women can't help but be impressed.

The factory is almost ridiculously clean, especially considering that they are building cars, the things that need grease and oil and the like to function. And the "Just In Time" assembly technique is one of the most efficient processes ever dreamed up.

Visitors go through the plant in much the same order that the car parts do. And, like those parts, you emerge at the point where there's a

finished car with all of its parts carefully and painstakingly joined into a shiny work of art, complete with new car smell.

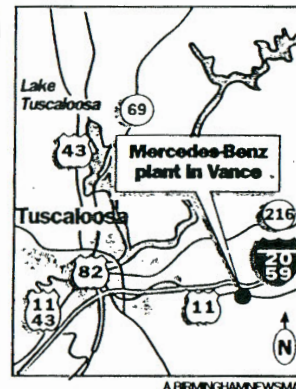
The Mercedes-Benz Visitors' Center is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday.

Factory tours are offered Monday through Friday at 9 a.m., 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. Call ahead for reservations, since each tour is limited to 25 participants. Be sure to arrive at least 15 minutes before your tour is scheduled to begin. The tour takes about 1½ hours and there is a good deal of walking involved. You cannot wear shorts or sandals on the tour. And watch for flying sparks.

Tour prices are \$4 for adults and \$3 for children ages 6-12.

### How to get there

To get to the Mercedes-Benz site, take Interstate-59 South/20 West to the Mercedes-Benz exit. It is about 50 miles from Birmingham to the site.



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### Where to stay

**Sheraton Capstone Inn, Tuscaloosa.** Located on the University of Alabama campus. Nonsmoking rooms available.

**Comfort Inn, Tuscaloosa.** Nonsmoking rooms available.

### Where to eat

**The Globe, Northport.** A must-

visit. Set in a restored general store has neat atmosphere, great food. Serves lunch and dinner Tuesday through Saturday.

**Kozy's, Tuscaloosa.** Another absolute must. Decorated with movie memorabilia. Food alone worth the trip. Reservations recommended. Serves dinner Monday through Saturday.

### For more information

For more information about Tuscaloosa, call 1-205-391-0559. For information about touring the Mercedes-Benz plant, call 1-205-507-2262.

The Best Quick Trips, a collection of 52 of Lynn Edge's most requested Quick Trips, now is available through The Birmingham News. Send \$11.50 per book to Quick Trip Book Offer, The Birmingham News, P.O. Box 2553, Birmingham 35202. For a peek ahead or to get details on recent Quick Trips, check out the Quick Trip home page at [members.aol.com/LynnEdge/quicktrips.html](http://members.aol.com/LynnEdge/quicktrips.html)

Vacationing? Stop by Vance, Alabama for a special tour of the Mercedes-Benz site.  
Submitted by Dean Vance





## Kathleen's Korner

### The Jet Setters

**Cissy Vance of Scotland** advised she has recently had the grass cut at Barnbarrooch. Just two weeks later she had visitors from Australia. Their name was Brown. They are related to Jean Handly of Australia who attended the 1984 Vance Reunion. The Brown's Vance ancestors had first migrated from Ireland to Ontario, Canada. Later one of that line moved to Australia.

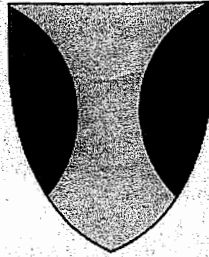
**Vance Voss Smith**, our second VFA president, joined a group of friends for a week in France. After that visit, she and her friend Ritha Tuten visited the Holy Trinity Church in Caen (See NL April 1994 pg. 59). When asking for directions to the church at their hotel in Caen the clerk walked outside to show them the bus stop, but said "Wait a minute." She quickly returned with her car keys and took them there! What a gift of hospitality. They held no documents at the church, but referred them to the Archives départementales du Calvados. Time caught up with them, but they did bring home an address for further communication concerning the reason for the two villages named Vaux (see Jan 1994 NL pg 24). A quick visit to see the tapestry at Bayeux was accomplished, as well as a trip to the Normandy Beach where our young men landed in WW II. The next day they made a round trip to Les Baux, and Vance said that truly was a wonderful experience.

**Sue Fox** had a wonderful trip visiting the Vaux/Vans places of interest in England and Scotland in late May and June.

**Donnie Vance Otis** and daughter Meghan Otis, along with friends Lila Ramalay and Jane Huff also made the journey.

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Recent communication from Mr. Anthony Wolff, Secretary of the Galloway Heritage Trust brought the good news that they have received a grant of £3000 from the Solway Heritage for stabilisation of the Vans Agnew Mausoleum at Kirkcinner. This is very good news. An assessment of the costs is now in progress. Mr. Wolff also stated that the old Barnbarroch House was pulled down in 1778, exactly 200 years from the date that Sir Patrick Waus/Vaus was having some improvements made on his mansion house. He was getting some stones hewn from near Stirling, the work to be done by Robert Carvoer (or the carver). The coat of arms and 'picture' of Sir Patrick and his wife was mentioned. It is not known what happened to this carving. This is referenced page 183 *Correspondence of Sir Patrick Waus*. The present day Barnbarroch was built on the exact same site as the old Barnbarroch, over which was an old carving of the Waus arms, of the date 1433, was inserted, but there is no trace or record of the picture stones mentioned in the 1578 letter.



The Lanercost Project

**From: The Rev'd C J Morris BD AKC**  
**The Vicarage Lanercost Brampton Cumbria CA8 2HQ**  
**tel: 016977 2478**

Vance Family Association  
Kathleen Mason  
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8 May 1998

Dear Kathleen

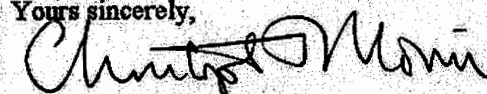
Once again many thanks for your letter and for the cheque enclosed. As ever we very much appreciate the support given to us by the Vance Family Association.

Our American connections are very important to us. Throughout the spring, summer and early autumn months we greet coach parties of American and Australasian visitors travelling with Cosmos and give them a special introductory talk to Lanercost. Last year we were also delighted to receive an unexpected gift of three beautifully embroidered tapestries given by a regular American visitor in memory of her daughter who died in very sad circumstances.

We look forward to meeting members of the Vance Family Association in the coming months.

With our best wishes

Yours sincerely,

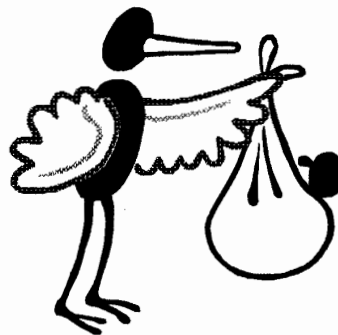
  
**CHRISTOPHER MORRIS**  
Priest-in-Charge

# MISCELLANEOUS

**G**race Dotson found this early John Vance while searching for material on her ancestor, Andrew Vance. **JOHN MIDDLETON'S WILL** WB 1; page 4. Charlotte Co VA 2 October 1764; pro: 4 Aug 1766. Wife: Marthew (?Martha) use of negro Beldad. Sons: John, James, Samuel, and Robert Middleton. Exec: friends: Robert Woods and Thomas Moore. Witnesses: Ainsworth Middleton; **JOHN VANCE** and Jean Midd\_\_ torn

**T**here is a unbelievable web site if you are looking for legal documents pertaining to historical events. The Yale Law School has amassed, under the name of The Avalon Project, a huge collection of historically important documents. The documents span the early 1500's to the 1990's! Using these legal documents will give you details not found in history books and other research media. Give it a try <http://www.yale.edu/lawweb/avalon/avalon.htm>

Congratulations to Quintin Dale and Margaret  
Vance on the birth of a daughter,  
Caitlin EmmaLee Vance.



Caitlin was born June 20<sup>th</sup>, 1998.  
The new Vance weighed 8 pounds, 12 ounces  
And was 22 inches long!!!

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**CAROTHERS, Warren Woodrow**

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**Columbia SC 29212 2015**

|                          |                  |                  |                  |                        |                  |         |
|--------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------------|------------------|---------|
| 12119- CAROTHERS,WarreB- | 1939 SC          | D-               | M-21 Dec 1961 SC | 12118- DILLINGHAM,Matt | B- 9 Aug 1909 SC | D-      |
| 12117- CAROTHERS,Calvi   | B-15 Nov 1909 SC | D-               | M- 9 Apr 1927 SC | 12116- COLLINS,Annie E | B- 2 Jan 1884 SC | D-      |
| 12115- CAROTHERS,Samu    | B-26 Sep 1857 NC | D-               | M-27 Jul 1902    | 12114- WILSON,Mary A   | B- 1822          | D-      |
| 12113- CAROTHERS,DavidB- | 1822 NC          | D-               | M-11 Nov 1844 NC | 12112- KNOX,Nancy      | B- 1787 NC       | D-      |
| 12055- DOWDS,William N   | B-10 Mar 1857 OH | D-               | M- 1813 NC       | 6950 - VANCE,Mary      | B-22 Sep 1764    | D- 1785 |
| 6958 - CAROTHERS,John    | B- May 1755 PA   | D-               | M- 1780          | 2934 - UNK,Ruth        | B-               | D-      |
| 2933 - VANCE,David       | B-Abt 1737       | D-18 Feb 1800 NC |                  |                        |                  |         |

**ELLISON, Lenora H**

**331 Evergreen Ave**

**Niceville FL 32578 1129**

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|------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| 12062- ELLISON,William | B-15 Sep 1942 OH | D-               | M-20 May 1994    | 12061- VOGEL,Lenora H  | B- 6 Jun 1939 IL | D-               |
| 12060- VOGEL,Anthony L | B-15 Jan 1895 IL | D- 5 Dec 1993 IL | M-28 Dec 1936 IL | 12059- PARKS,Erma R    | B-13 Dec 1907 IL | D-               |
| 12058- PARKS,James G   | B- 9 Jan 1885 IL | D-15 Jan 1967 IL | M- 2 Jan 1907 IL | 12057- DOWDS,Annora L  | B-29 Jan 1885 IL | D-31 Dec 1983 IL |
| 12055- DOWDS,William N | B-10 Mar 1857 OH | D-26 Mar 1932 IL | M-12 Nov 1879 IL | 12056- HIGGS,Sarah E   | B-24 Oct 1861 IL | D-27 May 1959 IL |
| 12053- DOWDS,William N | B- Feb 1793 VA   | D-20 Jan 1873 KY | M- 8 Feb 1846    | 12054- BECK,Sarah A    | B-28 Oct 1812 DE | D- 6 Aug 1899 IL |
| 11970- DOWDS,James     | B-               | D-Abt 1823 WV    | M- 6 Apr 1793 VA | 11969- NEWELL,Margaret | B-27 May 172 VA  | D-18 Feb 1856 OH |
| 11968- NEWELL,Thomas   | B-Abt 1720 Ire   | D- Apr 1803 VA   | M-Abt 1771       | 11967- COLVILLE,Margar | B-Abt 1729       | D-Abt 1815 VA    |
| 7178 - COLVILLE,James  | B- 1695 Ire      | D- 1777 VA       | M- 1720 VA       | 7179 - VANCE,Ann       | B- 1700 Ire      | D-               |

**HALL, Marilyn Sue (Vance)**

**646 Roseland Hill Road**

**Brighton TN 38011**

|                       |                  |                  |                  |                        |                  |                  |
|-----------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| 12030- HALL,Unk       | B-               | D-               |                  | 11774- VANCE,Marilyn S | B-               | D-               |
| 9906 - VANCE,Vanar B  | B-18 Feb 1912    | D-16 Oct 1990    |                  | 11771- YOUNG,Mary E    | B-               | D-               |
| 9344 - VANCE,Sidney J | B-15 Sep 1863 KY | D-25 Oct 1946 IN | M- 1901          | 9901 - HEAD,Harriett C | B- 1 Sep 1873 KY | D-23 Nov 1957 IN |
| 273 - VANCE,Vanirah   | B-10 Nov 1827 TN | D-17 Aug 1865 KY | M-30 Jul 1853 KY | 274 - BROWN,Nancy      | B- 1 Dec 1831 KY | D-12 Mar 1870 KY |
| 275 - VANCE,Joseph    | B-13 Sep 1793 TN | D- 8 Mar 1863 VA | M-29 Dec 1819 TN | 276 - GREER,Eliza J    | B- 6 Jul 1799 VA | D- 3 Jun 1869    |
| 4161 - VANCE,Patrick  | B- Ire           | D- 1803 TN       | M-10 Jul 1778 PA | 4162 - HOUSTON,Elizabe | B-               | D-Aft 1803       |

**HOKE, Ellen Hull**

**201 Prospect Ave**

**Princeton NJ 08540**

|                       |                  |                  |                  |                        |                  |                  |
|-----------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| 11917- HOKE,Robert L  | B- 1922          | D- 1966          |                  | 11915- NEFF,Ellen H    | B- 1919          | D-               |
| 11914- NEFF,William N | B- 1888          | D- 1973          | M- 1917          | 11911- VANCE,Gladys L  | B- 1893          | D- 1966          |
| 11829- VANCE,James L  | B- 1856          | D- 1911          |                  | 11910- SMITH,Sallie H  | B- 1869          | D- 1965          |
| 3976 - VANCE,Samuel L | B-18 Mar 1820 VA | D- Dec 1892 VA   | M- 4 May 1846    | 3984 - MCPHATRIDGE,Min | B- 1826          | D- 1885          |
| 70 - VANCE,James Sr   | B- Jul 1792 VA   | D- 2 Aug 1868 VA | M- 4 Nov 1817 VA | 71 - BALFOUR,Amelia    | B- 1793 VA       | D-16 Aug 1846 VA |
| 72 - VANCE,Samuel II  | B- 1749 VA       | D- 8 Dec 1838 VA | M- 8 Jan 1778 VA | 73 - LAUGHLIN,Margar   | B-10 Mar 1756 PA | D- 6 Nov 1814 VA |
| 74 - VANCE,Samuel I   | B-Abt 1716 Ire   | D-18 Aug 1778 VA | M-Abt 1734 VA    | 75 - COLVILLE,Sarah    | B-Abt 1715 Ire   | D-Aft 1792 VA    |

**HOOVER, James N**

**3825 Live Oak Lane**

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|                        |                  |                  |               |                        |                  |               |
|------------------------|------------------|------------------|---------------|------------------------|------------------|---------------|
| 12074- JONES,Carl L    | B- 1949          | D-               |               | 12073- HOOVER,Debra J  | B- 1949          | D-            |
| 12071- HOOVER,James N  | B- 1922          | D-               |               | 12072- RANGER,Louise J | B- 1922          | D- 1997       |
| 12069- HOOVER,Byron V  | B- 1892          | D- 1996          |               | 12070- JONES,Ethel J   | B- 1891          | D- 1993       |
| 12068- HOOVER,Nolan C  | B- 1864          | D- 1924          |               | 12067- VANCE,Sarah E   | B- 1863          | D- 1947       |
| 12065- VANCE,James G   | B- 1826          | D- 1875          |               | 12066- WORTMAN,Emeline | B- 1823          | D- 1899       |
| 492 - VANCE,Samuel L   | B-17 Jan 1796 NC | D-19 Sep 1845 IN | M-18 Dec 1817 | 493 - VOSS,Sarah       | B-15 Nov 1801 NC | D-22 Apr 1876 |
| 333 - VANCE,John Sr    | B- 1772          | D-18 Aug 1839 NC | M- 1793       | 334 - WHICKER,Lucreti  | B- 7 Aug 1772 NC | D- 1859       |
| 1621 - VANCE,Samuel Sr | B- 1726          | D-26 May 1789 NC |               | 101 - UNK,Alice        | B-               | D-            |

**MARTIN, Janice**

**93487 Sixes River Rd**

**Sixes OR 97476**

|                        |                  |                  |                  |                        |                  |                  |
|------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| 12087- MARTIN,Niels L  | B- 6 Feb 1943 OR | D-               | M- 8 Apr 1965 OR | 12086- BUSHNELL,Janice | B-10 Nov 1947 OR | D-               |
| 12085- BUSHNELL,Raymon | B-30 Dec 1921 OR | D- 8 Sep 1988 OR | M- 9 Aug 1946 WA | 12084- DUNCAN,Odell G  | B- 4 Mar 1930 WA | D-31 Dec 1992 OR |
| 12083- DUNCAN,Oran J   | B- 5 Jul 1898 KY | D- OR            | M-26 Jun 1929 WA | 12082- CHRISTIAN,Minni | B-25 Jan 1910 WA | D-               |
| 12080- CHRISTIAN,Willi | B-10 Aug 1883 WV | D-29 Jul 1960 WA | M- 1 Jan 1909    | 12081- COLEMAN,Nancy A | B- Oct 1888 WV   | D-10 Aug 1911 WA |
| 12078- CHRISTIAN,Richa | B-11 Nov 1861 WV | D- 8 Apr 1943    | M- 9 Mar 1882    | 12079- BARNES,Sarah    | B- 6 Dec 1852    | D-30 Jan 1920    |
| 7671 - CHRISTIAN,John  | B-29 Sep 1841 VA | D- WA            |                  | 7663 - VANCE,Nancy     | B-29 Dec 1843 VA | D- 4 Feb 1920 WA |
| 7351 - VANCE,Richard   | B- 1822          | D- 1863          | M-24 Apr 1839    | 7459 - STATEN,Mary     | B- 1823          | D- 1913          |
| 300 - VANCE,Abner Sr   | B-Abt 1755       | D-16 Jul 1819 VA |                  | 2909 - VANCE,Elizabeth | B- 1794          | D-               |
|                        |                  |                  |                  | 301 - HOWARD,Susannah  | B- 1767          | D-Aft 1850 WV    |



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|-----------------------|------------------|------------------|----------------------|------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 11981- MATTOX,Unk     | B-               | D-               | 11980- VANCE,Viola V | B-19 Jun 1922 WA       | D-                                |
| 11978- VANCE,Clive C  | B- 5 Aug 1891 MO | D- 1 Oct 1975 WA | M-22 Nov 1915 WA     | 11979- SPRAGUE,Lena B  | B-26 Sep 1898 NY D-20 Sep 1983 WA |
| 11976- VANCE,James W  | B- 8 May 1850 IA | D- 3 Oct 1912 WA | M- 6 Mar 1873        | 11977- DEEDS,Louisa E  | B-24 Sep 1856 OH D-17 Jun 1946 WA |
| 7511 - VANCE,Andrew   | B-20 May 1820 PA | D-Abt 1900 IL    | M-Abt 1845           | 7516 - MCINTYRE,Rachel | B-                                |
| 690 - VANCE,William   | B-21 Jun 1792 PA | D- 1865 IA       | M-Abt 1819 PA        | 691 - VANATTA,Rachel   | B-Abt 1803 PA D- IA               |
| 681 - VANCE,Robert Ca | B-Abt 1736 VA    | D-20 May 1818 PA | M-20 Mar 1775 VA     | 682 - WHITE,Jean       | B-Abt 1746 VA D- May 1834 WV      |
| 74 - VANCE,Samuel I   | B-Abt 1716 Ire   | D-18 Aug 1778 VA | M-Abt 1734 VA        | 75 - COLVILLE,Sarah    | B-Abt 1715 Ire D-Aft 1792 VA      |

**PRATT, Isabelle (Vance)**

**630 Lincolnshire Lane**

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|                       |                  |                  |                        |                    |                                   |
|-----------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------------|--------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 11840- PRATT,John W   | B- 1910          | D- 1995          | 11839- VANCE,Ruth I    | B- 1920            | D-                                |
| 11832- VANCE,Clarence | B- 1886          | D- 1968          | 11833- CALDWELL,Rachel | B- 1893            | D- 1981                           |
| 2557 - VANCE,Lemuel W | B- 1847 OH       | D- 1921          | 7735 - CROW,Lucy R     | B- 1852            | D-26 Aug 1890                     |
| 2551 - VANCE,Jacob    | B-10 Sep 1806 PA | D-10 Sep 1855 OH | 2555 - CONN,Lydia      | B-16 Oct 1814 PA   | D- 3 Oct 1893                     |
| 9 - VANCE,William     | B- 8 Feb 1779 PA | D-20 Nov 1854 OH | M-Abt 1797 PA          | 10 - MINTUN,Rachel | B-27 Jan 1783 NJ D- 1 May 1873 OH |
| 11179- VANCE,Unk      | B-               | D-               |                        |                    |                                   |

**ROGERS, Bryant**

**9912 Chase Hill Ct**

**Vienna VA 22182**

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|------------------------|------------------|-------------------|------------------|------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| 11919- ROGERS,Bryant W | B-20 Nov 1936 NM | D-                | M-27 Nov 1960 GA | 11920- POWELL,Barbara  | B-               | D-               |
| 11921- ROGERS,Vance    | B-27 Apr 1908 GA | D-25 Aug 1962 Tha | M-21 Sep 1934 NV | 11922- UNK,Marjorie    | B-               | D-               |
| 11923- ROGERS,Alan     | B-18 Jun 1873 KY | D-19 Jun 1941 OH  | M-15 Jun 1904 GA | 11924- NELSON,Florence | B-19 Jun 1881 NC | D- 6 Feb 1953 NC |
| 11925- NELSON,Daniel B | B- 7 Aug 1832 TN | D-28 Aug 1895 NC  | M-12 Jul 1855 TN | 11926- VANCE,Sarah A   | B- 9 Aug 1837 TN | D- 3 Dec 1901 NC |
| 11927- VANCE,John W    | B-               | D-                |                  | 11928- BRANSON,Rebekah | B-               | D-               |
| 11929- VANCE,David     | B- Ire           | D-                |                  |                        |                  |                  |
| 11930- VANCE,Patrick H | B-               | D-                |                  |                        |                  |                  |

**VANCE, Elmer Leon**

**25 Nineteenth St Warragamba  
New South Wales 2752**

**Australia**

|                        |                   |                  |                       |                        |                                   |
|------------------------|-------------------|------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 12142- VANCE,Elmer L   | B-24 Oct 1928 NSW | D-               | 12143- HILL,Barbara J | B-                     | D-                                |
| 12136- VANCE,Charles E | B- 8 Apr 1903 TX  | D-12 Sep 1969 TX | 12140- MCLENNAN,Annie | B-16 May 1904 NSW      | D-                                |
| 12129- VANCE,Charles H | B-25 Nov 1877 LA  | D- 9 Oct 1915 TX | M- 8 Jan 1902 TX      | 12135- MOORE,Margarite | B- 1 May 1884 TX D-               |
| 12127- VANCE,Joseph    | B- 7 Jul 1848 LA  | D-16 Aug 1919 TX | M- 6 Jan 1875 LA      | 12128- NOLING,Caroline | B- 9 Sep 1850 SC D- 2 Jan 1925 TX |
| 12120- VANCE,Elihu G   | B- 1802 SC        | D- 1858 TX       | M-14 Oct 1829 AL      | 12121- HARRINGTON,Jane | B-28 Feb 1814 TN D-18 Jan 1869 TX |

**VANCE, Larry Gene**

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**Danville IL 61834 8096**

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|------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|---------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| 11965- VANCE,Larry G   | B- 7 May 1936 IL | D-               | M-11 Jan 1958 IL | 11966- BOLTON,Mary A      | B-26 Mar 1937 IL | D-               |
| 11963- VANCE,Hubert H  | B-29 Jul 1913 IL | D-               | M- 9 Feb 1933 IL | 11964- GOBLE,Ruth I       | B- 5 Sep 1914 IL | D-               |
| 11961- VANCE,Harry     | B-10 Feb 1888 IL | D-18 Aug 1921 IL |                  | 11962- MOFFER,Maude E     | B- 7 Sep 1894 IN | D-25 Dec 1918 IL |
| 11959- VANCE,David W   | B-Abt 1861 IL    | D-22 Jul 1934 IL | M-31 Dec 1881 IL | 11960- FARNUM,Katy A      | B-Abt 1860 OH    | D- IL            |
| 11957- VANCE,John W Jr | B- 1817 OH       | D- Jun 1879 IL   | M-26 Sep 1857    | 11958- PEYSER,Margaret    | B- 8 Mar 1831 OH | D-22 Jul 1884 IL |
| 2502 - VANCE,John W    | B-17 Mar 1782 PA | D- 6 May 1857 IL | M-Abt 1816 OH    | 11956- RUTHERFORD,Marg B- |                  | D-20 Dec 1835 IL |
| 390 - VANCE,Joseph C   | B-24 Oct 1759 VA | D-16 May 1809 OH | M-10 Apr 1781 VA | 1275 - WILSON,Sarah       | B- 1761 VA       | D-26 Sep 1846 OH |
| 2169 - VANCE,David Jr  | B- 1721 Ire      | D- 1768 VA       |                  | 2170 - UNK,Janet          | B-               | D-               |
| 1246 - VANCE,David Sr  | B-               | D-               |                  | 6884 - UNK,Sarah          | B-               | D-               |

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**HC 62 Box 290**

**Calico Rock AR 72519**

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|------------------------|---------------|----------------|-----------------------|------------------------|---------------------------|----|
| 11784- WHITING,Norman  | B- 1 Mar 1904 | D-             | 11785- WHITING,Honey  | B- 3 Dec 1935          | D-                        |    |
| 11782- PALMER,Charles  | B-23 Feb 1868 | D-11 Aug 1924  | 11783- PALMER,Mary V  | B- 5 Apr 1912          | D- 5 Jun 1966             |    |
| 11780- CLARY,James O   | B- 5 Aug 1835 | D-28 Oct 1911  | 11781- CLARY,Mary V   | B- 6 Sep 1879          | D-11 May 1946             |    |
| 11778- HERN,Jefferson  | B-            | D-             | 11779- HERN,Mary E    | B- 5 Mar 1840          | D- 8 Aug 1916             |    |
| 11776- VANCE,Samuel Ju | B-            | D-             | 11777- VANCE,Martha J | B- 1 Jul 1815          | D-                        |    |
| 3576 - VANCE,James     | B-Abt 1764    | D-Aft 1800     | 11775- MARSHALL,Unk   | B-                     | D-                        |    |
| 1377 - VANCE,Samuel    | B-Abt 1734    | D- Sep 1807 VA | M- 4 May 1763 VA      | 1378 - BIRD,Sarah      | B-Abt 1743 D- Aug 1815 VA |    |
| 1379 - VANCE,John      | B-            | D- Aug 1757 VA |                       | 1380 - PRIMROSE,Rachea | B-                        | D- |

**VANCE, Daniel**

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# Queries

Seeking additional information on **David Vance** (2933) / **Ruth Unk** (2934). Does anyone know of **David** being a Revolutionary War veteran? Particularly interested in their daughter, **Mary Vance** (6950) b 1764, who married **John Carothers** b 1755. Willing to share material.

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I was hoping that maybe someone might already have some information on these **Vance's** of mine who I know went from Wigtown to Ontario, Canada (possible USA before that), and finally to Michigan. I would like any information on **Joseph's Vance's** wife **Sarah (Sally) Allen** as far as where and when she died, and also any information on these **Vance's** while they were in Scotland. **Joseph** was b 1872, Ontario, Canada d 1917.

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Seeking information on **Margaret Swank**. Marriage License was issued in Vermilion County Illinois on 7 January 1855 to **Margaret Swank** and **George Poisal**. On 24 September 1857 a marriage license was issued to **John Vance** and **Margaret Peyser**. 1860 Vermilion County Census lists **Margaret Vance** living in the household of **David Swank** and **Rachel Swank** and lists her as a widow. **Margaret Swank** and **John Vance** are listed as the parents of **David William Vance** on his application for marriage license in 1910. Her birthplace was listed as Piqua, (Piqua?) Ohio in the 1860 census and on her death certificate. Looking for confirmation that the **Margaret Swank** that married **George Poisal** is the same person as **Margaret Swank Peyser** that married **John Wilson, Jr.** Have not been able to locate any information on the name **Peyser**. Is it possible **Poisal** and **Peyser** is the same person?

**LARRY G. VANCE, 15545 S. MARKLEY RD. DANVILLE, ILLINOIS 61834**  
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Pursuing additional information on my great-grandfather, **George Washington Vance**. He was born about 1836/37 and died about 1878 in Scott Co., VA. He married **Rebecca Crabtree** Dec 1855. They had one child, **William J. "Willy Joe"** born 6 Apr 1869, Scott Co. VA. Any clues or facts appreciated.  
**JEAN WULF, 341 NE CEDAR ST., MADERAS, OR 97741**

Does anyone know the parents of **Thomas A. Vance** (1117) b. 1815, who lived in Baltimore, MD. and moved to St. Marys, GA to build cotton gins. He married **Elizabeth Pratt**. When the Civil War came, he served as a blockade runner, and was killed 15 Aug 1861. It is not known where **Thomas A. Vance** was born.

**FLORENCE VANCE OWEN, 10 MAPLE CT. #A, ORANGE CITY, FL 32763-6130**

Found in Buchanan Co. VA. Library: Virginia Supreme Court Records. District of Kentucky Order Books 1783-1792 Page 130, October 22, 1791, **William Gill and Alexander Vance** and others. on trespass. Page 168, same as above, dated 22 March 1792. Also, Pg. 120: **Henry Rawlings vs. Andrew Steele**, on debt. Defendant failed to appear. Plaintiff to recover against him (**Steele**) and **David Vance**. Can someone identify these men?

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My gr-grandmother, **Effie Vance** married **Bud Cotton**, place, and date unknown to me. My grandmother, **Dixie Cotton**, was born to **Effie** and **Bud** on February 17<sup>th</sup>, 1890 in Lee County Texas. As a child **Dixie** may have lived in Giddings, Texas. Family lore says **Dixie** went by foot and wagon to Oklahoma around 1900. Later the family settled in Merryville, Louisiana. She married my Grandfather, **Collie Neely** on Feb 21 1908. Other names showing up in family tales are **Mother Hunt**, **Mother Jones**, **Della Vance**, and **Griffin**. Appreciate any help getting started on this line of **Vance's**.  
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Seeking information on **Ann Vance** (7178) b abt 1700 d bef 1786 m **James Collville** (7179) b 1695 d 1777. They had 11 children. Their daughter **Margaret** b 1729 d abt 1812 m **Thomas Newell**. The **Newell** daughter married **James Dowds**.  
**LENORA ELLISON, 331 EVERGREEN AVE., NICEVILE, FL 32578-1129**  
**ELLISON8@AOL.COM**

**Nancy Renshaw** married **James Vance** about 1834 - 1842 in Fayette Co., PA. Later, they moved to Iowa. Children include **Joseph**, **Katherine**, **Minti** and **Charles**. **Minti** may have been named for **Nancy's** mother, **Araminta**. Would like to exchange information with anyone familiar with this line.  
**ELEANOR GORDON, 789 RELIEZ STATION RD., LAFAYETTE, CA 94549**  
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This past memorial Day a **Marquiss** cousin visited the May's Cemetery, Miami County, Indiana near Onward, Cass County, Indiana to place a flag on g.g.g. grandfather **Isaac Marquiss, Sen.**, grave. While there she noticed a **Vance** headstone that was in deplorable condition. All she could read was as follows:  
**"ELI wife SUSANNAH VANCE"**

Can anyone identify this **Vance** with a wife **Susannah**? Further research revealed in the 1850 Indiana Census Index an **Elisha Vance** in Fayette County, Indiana.  
**BOB HADEEN, POB 322, SUNNYSIDE, WA 98944 0322 FAX 509-837-4426**

Trying to locate next generation back for **Elihu G. Vance** (12120) b 1802 SC d 1858 Liberty Co., TX. **Elihu** married **Jane Harrington** b Feb 1814 TN d 18 Jan 1869 Brazos Co., TX. Children born in Perry Co., AL **James** b 1832, **Mary** 1837. Children born in Caddo Co., LA **Elizabeth** b 1839, **Samuel** 1843. Children born in Millican, Brazos Co., TX **Charles H** b 1844, **Joseph** b 1848. Clues must be along the So Carolina, Alabama, Louisiana, Texas trail somewhere!  
**ELMER LEON VANCE, 25 NINETEENTH ST., WARRAGAMBA, NEW SOUTH WALES, 2752, AUSTRALIA.**

Jan Francis & I are researching the Chester Co., SC area - we have found a few stray references to **Vance** name:  
Chester County, SC area: **George McCullough** b. 1793 married **Agnes Vance Drennan** b. 9/11/1792.  
Can someone identify this **Agnes Vance Drennan** & her connection to a **Vance** family?

Chester County, SC area: **Presley Bible Records** shows **Thomas Presley/Preslar** born 25 Feb 1766 wife **Jane/Jennea** b. 1769 had daughter **Jennea** married **Thomas Vance**. No dates given on **Jenna** who married **Thomas Vance**. Who was this **Thomas Vance**?  
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## Computer Stuff

### DeedMapper by Direct Line Software

I finished my DeedMapper evaluation project. It is a reasonably easy software package to install and use. I had some trouble after I upgraded my computer. Direct Line Software was quick to identify and solve my problem. It was something I had done wrong, not them. As with other projects, preparation is the key. I suggest writing out the data before entering. After entering a single deed take a look at the various display options. This may lead you to changing the way you enter. Better to learn after just one deed.

DeedMapper has a great web site for sharing ideas and deed data.  
Their home page can be found at: <http://www.ultranet.com/~deeds>.

I was disappointed in that there is a limitation for the output (video or printer). You can see or print only one of the major components; Owners, Corners, Line Descriptions or Area at a time. I gather the idea is to export the plot to a file that can be enhanced in a draw program. Not an exciting alternative.

Secondly, I had to ask myself why I was going through this exercise. My first answer is that I am a software nut, I really enjoy seeing how different software works. This obviously has little or nothing to do with genealogy. It does have a lot to do with my pocketbook! Next, I was attempting to visualize who my ancestors' neighbors were and where they lived. This can be done without a computer, a piece of paper and a pencil will do.

In summary, DeedMapper 5.1 is a solid, useful piece of software with excellent support. Some limitations but not unreasonable at the price. Useful web site. Start with understanding what you hope to accomplish.

Direct Line Software can be reached at: 71 Neshobe Road, Newton, MA 02168, 617-527-9566  
E Mail: [deeds@ultranet.com](mailto:deeds@ultranet.com)

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I am amazed at the quality and price of the new scanners and printers. With my new HP ScanJet 5p., Epson Stylus 800 and Photo quality paper, I can produce some great pictures. When we first started offering the color Coat of Arms, I had to use a local photo shop. As I remember, they ran about \$16 each. I can now print them on my home set-up with equal quality for a fraction of that cost.

My work horse for the newsletter is still my laser jet HP IIIP. It has been cranking out great black and white text and pictures for over seven years.

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I would appreciate someone writing about their experiences with PAF 3.0 (after the correction update). Also, forward any comments you may have if you have installed Win 98.

Happy computin'

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## Notes

The attached index was originally developed to help the VFA Historians locate individuals who had been named previous VFA Newsletters. Though not a complete every name index, it provides the names of most individuals listed in major articles or tidbits of information scattered throughout the Newsletters. Where known, the name of the spouse has been added for easier identification, even though that individual may not be listed in the material. Articles that contain several Vance names from the saw area, such as marriage, cemetery, census and tax lists are not individually indexed and can be found under "Vance numerous", by location. Corrections or suggestions may be sent to Mary Norfleet, Historian.

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| Smith     | Vance V.               | Photo               | NC           | Cover | Jan, 1988 |
| Smith     | Vance Voss             | Biography           | NC           | 36    | Apr, 1989 |
| Spencer   | Janet & Jno. Peddycord | Wedding             | NC           | 59    | Jul, 1988 |
| Swaney    | Delores Wille          | Photo, Biography    | OK           | 76    | Jul, 1990 |
| Taplin    | Alan Patrick           | Biography           | JAPAN        | 40    | Apr, 1991 |
| Tucker    | Ina Pauline            | Biography           | MO           | 75    | Jul, 1990 |
| Vance     | Brig. Gen. Hilton R.   | Veterans Homes      | MS           | 33    | Jan, 1997 |
| Vance     | Cissy                  | Article             | SCOT         | 40    | Apr, 1996 |
| Vance     | Cissy                  | Photo               | SCOT         | Cover | Apr, 1996 |
| Vance     | Coy                    | Biography           | NC           | 4     | Sep, 1985 |
| Vance     | Cyrus                  | Photo               |              | Cover | Jan, 1994 |
| Vance     | Cyrus                  | Article             |              | 4     | Jan, 1994 |
| Vance     | Cyrus                  | Award               |              | 54    | Apr, 1995 |
| Vance     | Elinor C.              | Biography           | IL           | 32    | Apr, 1988 |
| Vance     | Erin                   | Newspaper Clip      | WA           | 107   | Oct, 1989 |
| Vance     | Frank                  | Biography           | NC           | 3     | Jan, 1987 |
| Vance     | Glynis & W. Armstong   | Article, Photos     | N. IRE       | 44    | Apr, 1998 |
| Vance     | Glynis & W. Armstrong  | Article             | N. IRE       | 42    | Apr, 1998 |
| Vance     | Glynis & W. Armstrong  | Photo               | N. IRE       | Cover | Apr, 1998 |
| Vance     | Horace & Josephine     | 50th Anniversary    |              | 103   | Jul, 1991 |
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| Vance     | James Clark            | 100th Birthday      | MO           | 29    | Apr, 1987 |
| Vance     | Joel M.                | Author              |              | 31    | Jan, 1993 |
| Vance     | Joel M.                | Biography           | MO           | 25    | Apr, 1987 |
| Vance     | John K.                | Biography           | NM           | 7     | Jul, 1986 |
| Vance     | John K.                | Iran Hostage Crisis |              | 19    | Jan, 1989 |

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| Vance                                            | Judge Robert S. | Newspaper Clip      | AL       | 5     | Jan, 1990 |
| Vance                                            | Judge Richard   | Photo, Article      | TN       | 31    | Jan, 1998 |
| Vance                                            | Maynard & Joan  | 50th Anniversary    | NE       | 4     | Jan, 1988 |
| Vance                                            | Morgan Richard  | Birth               | KY       | 33    | Jan, 1997 |
| Vance                                            | Murry           | Newspaper Clip      | FL       | 68    | Apr, 1997 |
| Vance                                            | Reunion         | Desc. of David      | WV       | 5     | Jan, 1993 |
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| Vance                                            | Reunion         | Desc. of David      | WV       | 127   | Oct, 1995 |
| Vance                                            | Richard         | Biography           | CA       | 4     | Sep, 1985 |
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| Vance                                            | Robert M.       | Biography           | IL       | 68    | Oct, 1987 |
| Vance                                            | Robert & Vie    | Photo, Biography    | OH       | 108   | Oct, 1989 |
| Vance                                            | Robert B.       | Pres. of SAR, Photo |          | Cover | Apr, 1993 |
| Vance                                            | Robert          | Newspaper Clip      |          | 61    | Jul, 1988 |
| Vans                                             | Alec            | Letter              | SCOT     | 2     | Jan, 1998 |
| Vernatti                                         | Ester Bonds     | Biography           | MO       | 5     | Oct, 1986 |
| Ward                                             | Virginia Vance  | Trip to Scotland    |          | 141   | Oct, 1996 |
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| Alexander      | Mary                   | 11 May 1996          | Helena, AR            | 104         | Jul, 1996   |
| Blank          | Bruce                  | Apr, 1990            |                       | 39          | Apr, 1991   |
| Clark          | E. Vance               | 22 Aug 1997          | OH                    | 29          | Jan, 1998   |
| Clerc          | Beatrice Nola          | 30 Jan 1990          | MO                    | 77          | Jul, 1990   |
| Corley         | Edna                   | 30 Jan 1991          | Jackson, MS           | 39          | Apr, 1991   |
| Corley         | James L.               | 14 Aug 1987          | MS                    | 69          | Oct, 1987   |
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| English        | Edwin L.               | 1 Sep 1987           | Champaign Co., OH     | 5           | Jan, 1988   |
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| O'Neal         | Marcia Corrigan        | 29 Oct 1995          | Richmond, IN          | 36          | Jan, 1996   |
| Parker         | Ruth Vance             | 27 Sep 1989          | St. Louis, MO         | 77          | Jul, 1990   |
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| Urgon          | Katherine Vance        | Jan 1987             | PA                    | 4           | Jul, 1986   |
| Vance          | Ann Pritchett          | 25 Dec 1988          | Winston-Salem, NC     | 31          | Apr, 1988   |
| Vance          | Bill Doyle             | 14 Jun 1993          | Temple, TX            | 32          | Jan, 1994   |
| Vance          | Caitlin                | 26 Jun 1996          | Anacortes, WA         | 104         | Jul, 1996   |
| Vance          | Dick "Osage"           | 2 Aug 1990           |                       | 59          | Apr, 1992   |
| Vance          | Ed L.                  |                      | Grand Prairie, TX     | 115         | Oct, 1990   |
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| Vance          | Lloyd F.               | 23 Feb 1990          | MO                    | 41          | Apr, 1990   |
| Vance          | Margaret Ann Burchett  | 25 Mar 1991          |                       | 39          | Apr, 1991   |
| Vance          | Pat                    | 3 Oct 1994           | Tallahassee, FL       | 29          | Jan, 1995   |
| Vance          | Ralph Holton           | 5 Oct 1994           | Archdale, NC          | 29          | Jan, 1995   |
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## *President's Letter*

As I sit here pondering about the VFA and all of the past volunteers since the association began, I marvel at the loyalty, devotion, and time spent on behalf of the members. Sometimes I find it hard to comprehend what has been sacrificed to keep all of us Vance descendents informed of the present and past events pertaining to our ancestors. I for one have arrived at an awakening, (thanks to Sam Vance) that far exceeds my wildest imagination of the office of president. I thought that I would represent the association as needed and delegate the work to others. It just doesn't work that way all the time. After all, there are other people serving in various capacities needed to keep everything running. Well, they have plenty to do in their own position and they are doing just fine. It comes down to the necessity of all of us working together in an organized and fun sort of way.

This also includes the rest of the members, by contributing articles and research to be included in the newsletters. It's not as difficult as it may seem, because the contributed article does not have to be long, nor elaborate. It can be a partial page of something that you discovered as you researched for the long lost relatives, or it can be multiple pages. Please send in your contribution, but remember that everything may not appear in the next newsletter, possibly due to verification, or checking to see that it has not been printed before, or maybe we have an overload of articles for that particular issue. If you will send, we will sort and publish. THANKS.

We are still working on the position of Historian, (we have two assistants ready to go). We are reviewing applicants for Database Manager. The database is being worked on at this time, so we plan to be rolling soon. This will be backed up every time any data is added or changed, with two copies in two locations or more. This is going to take time on the calendar and time of the volunteers to get it all done. So far the attitude of everyone has been very positive and I have no doubt that we will reach the goal.

I want everyone to know that Kathleen Mason is behind the VFA all the way and you will find some of her contributions in this newsletter. If you knew what she has to do to get an article to us, you would be humbled and amazed. Thanks Kathleen, just let us know what we can do for you.

Thanks to Sam Vance for his consultations and advice in many areas of the operation of the VFA. His advice has helped to speed up my transition in this work. I want to THANK all who are working so hard to keep the members informed, and using their time and talents to further the goals of the Vance Family Association. You are needed and appreciated, more than anyone will ever know.

Please continue to send in Queries to the Editor so others may see your questions on your research and perhaps someone will be able to help.

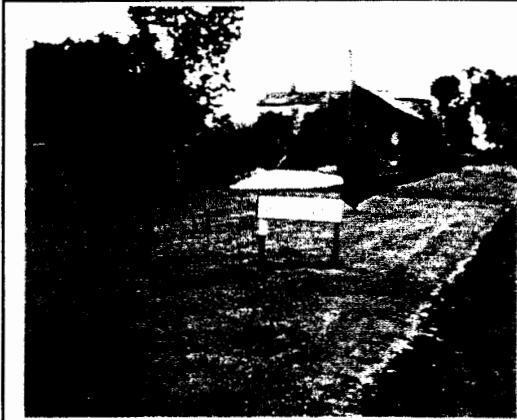
Your friend and president,  
Charles T. Vance

**Cover Story**

**BIBLE RECORD—WILLIAM MOORE AND SARAH VANCE MOORE**

Submitted by Kathleen Corley Mason

Photos by Earl Myers, descendent of William and Sarah Vance Moore.



"William Moore was born in the town of Bellaghy in the County of London-Derry Ireland on the 1st day of August 1822."

"Sarah Moore [not shown as Vance here] was born in the town of Bellaghy in the County of London-Derry Ireland on the 12th day of July 1824."

Sign at the entrance to Bellaghy.

Next page, under "Marriages," (entry made by William Moore) -

"William Moore and Sarah Vance were married in the town of Bellaghy in the County of London-Derry on the 19th day of February 1843 by the Revs. G.H. Ash, Episcopalian Minister."

Crypt in the cemetery near the front entrance of the church. Church of Ireland, Bellaghy.



"Bellaghy Bawn" (The Castle)

Built by Sir Baptist Jones for the Vintners Company in 1618-1619.

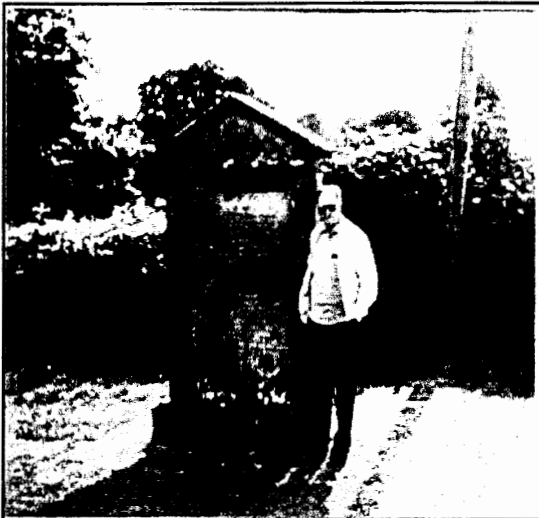
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The old Church of Ireland School at Bellaghy, built in 1822. William Moore most likely went to school here and possibly Sarah Vance did also. It was considered a very good school. Currently located behind a car repair shop and a one pump Esso gas station, the owner would eventually like to restore the school.

The old Church at Coagh, Ireland, founded by Rev. Vans out of the Brigh and Moneymore Presbyterian Churches.



Earl Myers standing by the old Vans—Vance Memorial stone at the Coagh Presbyterian Church.

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**MINUTES OF VANCE FAMILY ASSOCIATION**

Salt Lake City, Utah  
Best Western Plaza—Zion Room  
September 20, 2003  
8:30 A.M.

The meeting was called to order by vice-president, Joyce Dunn, in the absence of Riley Vance, President.

Minutes of the Winchester meeting were read by Betty Silfies. The only correction to the minutes was a change in the number of VFA members. There are 404 members not 440. With this change the minutes were approved.

Sam Vance made a motion not to read the other officers' reports, as they were included in everyone's folder, and to proceed directly to the balloting for the new officers. The motion was seconded and carried.

Joyce Dunn noted that there are only three reports submitted, in the folders, by officers and committee chair. Betty Silfies reported they are all to be published in a future newsletter.

Secretary, Betty Silfies, reported the results of the voting ballots. There were 176 ballots received, eight to disband, and 168 not to disband the association. Sixty-one had comments. Many were letters of encouragement. One read: "It's a wonderful organization, keep it going." There was one offer of \$50.00, if needed, to keep the newsletter. One suggested separating the editor's job into a historian and editor. There were many offers of help and expressions of gratitude for the work that had been done in the past.

Charles Vance reported that it was very exciting to see all of the positive comments. The members of the VFA made it clear that the organization should continue.

Betty Silfies read the names proposed by the nominating committee for officers. Vice President, Joyce Dunn, asked for any other nominations to be brought before the VFA. None were submitted. Robbie Frye made the motion to accept the slate of officers as read. The motion was accepted unanimously. Betty Silfies then read the slate of new officers:

President—Charles Vance  
Vice President—Betty Silfies  
Treasurer—Vance Woodward  
Secretaries—Julie Perry and Sammie Simpson

Charles Vance took the floor and expressed gratitude to Joyce Dunn and Sam Vance for all the work they had done to make the Salt Lake City meeting possible.

Betty Silfies gave a report on the proposed trip in two years to St. Louis, MO. She will be in charge of making plans for the 2005 VFA meeting scheduled for there. President, Charles

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Vance suggested everyone hand in the comment sheet from the packet as it would be an aid in helping Betty plan the meeting.

There was no oral financial report given. A handout sent by Vance Woodward, Treasurer, reads as follows:

VFA  
12-14-01 to 8-14-03  
Source and Application of Funds

Sources:

|                                  |             |
|----------------------------------|-------------|
| Transfer from previous Treasurer | \$10,413.89 |
| Membership                       | 11,341.00   |
| Interest earned                  | 34.08       |
| SLC Trip                         | 1,360.00    |
| Total                            | \$23,148.98 |

Applications:

|                          |             |
|--------------------------|-------------|
| Newsletter               | \$ 8,346.76 |
| Supplies, Postage, Misc. | 841.45      |
| Lanercost & Cissy Vance  | 600.00      |
| SLC Trip                 | 890.96      |
| Total                    | \$10,679.17 |

|                      |             |
|----------------------|-------------|
| Current Bank Balance | \$12,469.81 |
|----------------------|-------------|

291 member in U.S.  
5 outside U.S.  
6 Libraries

Vance Woodward, Treasurer  
8/15/03

Sam Vance reported that the Articles of Corporation, filed March 6, 1991, were filed as a perpetual corporation. This makes the association current and active. A copy of the Articles of Corporation was received by Sam Vance from the Secretary of State of North Carolina. Sam reported that the articles and the by-laws had been reviewed and there was no problem with what is going on in the organization at this time.

It was reported that the 176 returned ballots represented more than 60% of those mailed out.

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Charles Vance asked for a motion to go into Committee of the Whole to discuss ideas on how to get more members involved and ways they could work together, especially ideas to reduce the responsibilities placed on the VFA editor. Joyce Dunn made the motion. It was seconded and carried.

Betty Silfies read a letter from Janie Vance, Membership Manager. The letter stated that there were four changes of address in the membership roster.

Motions were made, seconded and carried to continue sending \$150.00 to each Jamie and Cissy Vance, annually, for upkeep of Lanercost and the Vance properties. There was a discussion concerning a tree that is endangering the ancestral castle by growing inside the structure. Betty Silfies will inquire about the best method and cost for removal of the tree.

Joyce Dunn made a motion to send a gift certificate to Mary Norfleet. Motion was seconded and carried.

The meeting was adjourned until 8:30 P.M. at the Lion House.

Lion House

8:15 P.M.

President Charles Vance called the meeting to order.

Betty Silfies gave a report on the three possible sites in St. Louis to have the meeting. The Waterfront was preferable if the cost was not prohibitive.

The meeting was adjourned.

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**BOOK SOURCE:**

**RESEARCH BOOKS**  
Review by Janie Vance

Hello out there:

If you have found a good book to read regarding the Vance name, please let us know. I know we have all read some of the same books, but there are hundreds more left to read.

Today, I am reading for the second time, KING'S MOUNTAIN by Hank Messick, Book Club Edition, Copyright @ 1976 by Hank Messick, Published simultaneously in Canada by Little, Brown & Company (Canada) Limited. Printed in the United States of America.

The jacket description of the book read in part, "King's Mountain is a vivid, colorful account of one of the most crucial battles of the American Revolution. Largely overlooked by historians of the War for Independence, this stunning victory for the rebels now assumes its full dramatic and historic significance, in a narrative that does justice to the excitement of the battle." In this review I find several Vance men mentioned. A complete review will be given later.

I am searching for a book or booklet written by Fountain J. Vance. Any information regarding Mr. Vance's work would certainly be appreciated.

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**PETITION OF DAVID VANCE—1873**

**RECORDS OF THE SOUTHERN CLAIMS COMMISSION**

Petition of: David Vance, a resident of near Meridian, Lauderdale County, Mississippi  
Commission No. 7349  
Office No. 669  
Report No. 3  
Year: 1873  
DISALLOWED  
National Archives Record Group 233

On 15 February 1864, following property or stores were taken from petitioner by Buell, Quartermaster [of Sherman's army] for use of the army of the United States, and for which payment is claimed: [Note from extractor: This information is extracted to show type of food/animals/other products grown by petitioner.]

|                       |          |
|-----------------------|----------|
| 5 cows                | \$150.00 |
| 5 yearlings           | 50.00    |
| 1 yoke of oxen        | 100.00   |
| 1 mare                | 150.00   |
| 600 lbs bacon         | 120.00   |
| 10 head of hogs       | 100.00   |
| 2 sacks sugar         | 60.00    |
| 1 sack rice           | 30.00    |
| 60 bushels corn       | 90.00    |
| 3 wagon loads of oats | 30.00    |
| 100 heads fowls       | 50.00    |
| 4 bushels meal        | 6.00     |
| Cooking utensils      | 25.00    |
| Total                 | \$961.00 |

Petition signed 4 September 1871 by David Vance.

Witness: R. J. Moseley  
J. W. McMullan

Certified by: J. R. Smith, Chancery Clerk  
J. W. McMullan, Dpt Clk  
B. F. Moore, Clerk of Circuit Court

"I rely upon the following witnesses, and others, to prove my loyalty:"

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B. F. Moore, Meridian, Miss.  
James Moore, Meridian, Miss.  
E. J. Rew, Meridian, Miss.

David Vance states that he is a naturalized citizen.

"Expect to prove the other facts alleged in the foregoing petition by"

Wm. Ward, Meridian, Miss.  
Mary Vance, Meridian, Miss.  
Mary Ann Vance, Meridian, Miss.

Archives Office, War Department, Nov 30, 1878, Book 3, page 353:

"Nov 27th, 1863, A man of the above name [David Vance] received four hundred dollars for rent of pasture. Voucher with signature is now on file in the Archives office."  
Rejected 1873

Archives Office, War Department, March 14, 1874, Book 2, page 494:

"Witness on the affidavit of one James Houston of that County [Lauderdale] who desires exemption from military service on acct of being a shoemaker."

"See H 1212 W.D. 1862 (left in files)

The petition to which this is attached says that this will be more for the public good than any military service he may be able to render for the reason that at the Post of Meridian, Miss., there are from 500 to 1,000 soldiers, besides citizens, who require shoes. Vance's name is also on the petition."

Local attorney: M. H. Whittaker, Meridian, Miss.

Testimony of David Vance (undtd)

Age about 42

Residence six months prior to 1 April 1861: Two miles west of Meridian, in Lauderdale County, Miss., farming.

Residence from 1 April 1861 to 1 June 1865: At home in Lauderdale County. Spent about 12 months at Meridian as watchman and was part of the time Section Master on the Vicksburg and Meridian Railroad between Brandon and Forrest Stations.

"Were you employed in the mfg of munitions of war, of clothing, of boots, shoes,... for the use of the Confederate Army...?" "I was not employed myself. I assisted a friend in getting a place in a shoe shop in order to keep him out of the Confederate Army."

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"Were you ever arrested by the Confederate Government...?" "I was cited to appear before R. L. Henderson, enrolling officer, to show cause why I did not join the Confederate forces, and upon it being represented that I was employed by the Vicksburg and Meridian Railroad Co I was released. This was in March 1864 at Meridian."

"Was any of your property ever taken by the Confederate authorities?" "I had some bacon taken from me by an officer representing himself as the agent of the Government. I do not know the use it was put to. I received no pay for it."

"Were you ever threatened with damage or injury to your person on account of your Union sentiments?" "In latter part of March 1864, complaint was made to the Confederate authorities by one John Sackleford that I was a Union man, which caused my being cited to show cause why I did not join the Confederate Army. There were no threats of violence made."

"Had you any near relatives in either the Union or Confederate armies?" "I had three brothers in the Confederate Army. I am satisfied I had relatives in the Union Army from the fact I had a good many in the North. I gave them nothing in the way of military equipment or money."

"Have you held any office under the United States Government since the war?" "I was Judge of Elections for the convention to form a constitution after the war and took the iron clad oath."

"I sympathized with the Union cause throughout. I thought secession was wrong, that it was unconstitutional, that the war was unjustifiable on the part of the southern people. I cast my vote and influence for the Union wherever opportunity occurred. I voted against ratifying the ordinance of secession and after the adoption of the ordinance of secession I adhered to the Union cause and spoke for it whenever I dared do so."

CROSS-EXAMINATION OF DAVID VANCE:

"Who were present when you saw them [the articles] taken?" "Myself and wife Mary Ann Vance and my two daughters Sarah and Mary."

Witnesses signature: J. W. McMullan  
Sarah Vance

CROSS-EXAMINATION OF SARAH VANCE, daughter of claimant: [Asterisk note in margin has "20 years of age."]

"Who were present when you saw them [the articles] taken?" "I was, Mother, Father, sister, and little brother."

Signature: Sarah Vance

STATEMENT OF WITNESS, ROBERT VANCE [Asterisk in margin has "Brother of Claimant."], age 56, a resident of Lauderdale County, Mississippi.

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Has known David Vance since he was born. Robert was about 14 years old then.

"How far did you reside from claimant's residence during the war?" "Between three and four miles. I didn't see him more than two or three times a week, sometimes once a month only."

"Did claimant converse with you on these subjects [Union cause and his sympathy] alone or in the presence of others?" "Generally, alone. He was in a tighter place than I was. We would talk free enough in our families. Many a time my wife told me to be careful or we would be 'taken up.'"

"Did you know the public reputation of the claimant as to loyalty?" "I think they regarded him as a Union man. In fact, I know that was his reputation. He, like myself, was born in Ireland and took the Oath of Allegiance to the United States and I think he never broke his obligation voluntarily."

Signature: Robert (his mark) Vance

Witness: C. H. Wilson

STATEMENT OF WITNESS, ROBERT J. MOSELEY, A CITIZEN OF LAUDERDALE  
COUNTY AND RESIDENT OF MERIDIAN:

Lived six or seven miles from claimant. Knew him by general reputation that he [Vance] was loyal.

Signature: R. J. Moseley

Names of sworn statements:

For loyalty: Robert Vance  
Robert J. Moseley

For property: Sarah Vance

4 January 1872

E. P. Jacobsen, Commissioner

Research of Jeanne Hand Henry, New Market, Alabama

**EARLY MARYLAND VANCE RECORDS**

(Research by Glenda Thompson. Submitted by Kathleen Mason)

Reference: "Early Harford Countians" by Henry C. Peden (p.469)

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- 1782 Agnes Vance, Executor of Dec'd husb, John Vance, Will
- 1788 Ann Vance, d/o Samuel & Elizabeth Vance, born 1/24/1788
- 1774 David Vance, taxable in Spesutia Upper Hundred living with father, Samuel Vance
- 1775 David Vance, Private in County Militia
- 1778 David Vance, over 18, Gunpowder Lower Hundred
- 1776 David Vance, Taxable in Gunpowder Lower Hundred listed with Samuel Vance
- 1778 David Vance, Taxable in Harford Upper Hundred
- 1785 (Nov.) David Vance, treated by Dr. Archer
- 1790 James Vance, Head of household of four
- 1774 John Vance, Taxable on Bush River Upper Hundred
- 1774 John Vance, Taxable in Spesutia Upper Hundred living with father, Samuel Vance
- 1775 John Vance, Private in County Militia
- 1776 John Vance, Taxable in Bush River Upper Hundred with servant, John ? (not listed)
- 1778 John Vance, over 18 Bush River Upper Hundred
- 1782 (Jun 21) John Vance, treated by Dr. Archer
- 1782 John Vance, Will probated July 20, 1782, wife, Agnes Vance
- 1774 Samuel Vance, Taxable in Spesutia Upper Hundred with his taxable sons, John Vance and David Vance
- 1775 Samuel Vance, Private in County Militia
- 1776 Samuel Vance, Taxable in Gunpowder Lower Hundred with taxable David Vance
- 1778 Samuel Vance, Taxable in Harford Upper Hundred



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- 1778 Samuel Vance, over age 18 in Gunpowder Lower Hundred
- 1783 Samuel Vance, Head of household (6 white inhabitants) in Bush River Lower Hundred
- 1788 Samuel & Elizabeth Vance (See Ann Vance previous)
- 1790 Samuel Vance, Head of household of five
- 1788 Thomas Vance, over age 18, Gunpowder Lower Hundred
- 1788 Thomas Vance, Taxable in Harford Upper Hundred
- 1781 William Vance, Marriage to Martha Keeth on Feb. 23, 1781
- 1789 William Vance, Presidential elector in 1789

Researched by Glenda Thompson. Submitted by Kathleen Mason

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**MARYLAND COLONIAL WILLS—1634-1777**

|                     |             |        |               |       |                   |
|---------------------|-------------|--------|---------------|-------|-------------------|
| Alexander Vance     | Will        | 1755   | Somerset Co.  | Liber | 60 folio 328      |
| Alexander Vance     | Will        | 1755   | Somerset Co.  | Liber | 7 folio 511       |
| Alexander Vance     | Will        | 1755   | Somerset Co.  | Liber | 7 folio 80        |
| James Vance         | Accounts    | 1764   | Cecil Co.     | Liber | 51 folio 322      |
| James Vance         | Inventories | 1767   | Cecil Co.     | Liber | 95 folio 91       |
| James Vance         | Inventories | 1767   | Cecil Co.     | Liber | 14 folio 3        |
| James Vance         | Inventories | 1767   | Cecil Co.     | Liber | 122 folio 324/325 |
| James Vance         | Inventories | 1775   | Cecil Co.     | Liber | 16 folio 55       |
| James Vance         | Inventories | 1762   | Somerset Co.  | Liber | 77 folio 294      |
| John Vance          | Accounts    | 1723   | Calvert Co.   | Liber | 5 folio 304       |
| John Vance          | Inventories | 1722/3 | Calvert Co.   | Liber | 8 folio 72        |
| Robert Vance        | Bonds       | 1724/5 | Kent Co.      | Box   | 3 folio 401       |
| Robert Vance        | Inventories | 1724/5 | Kent Co.      | Liber | 10 folio 375      |
| Robert Vance        | Inventories | 1725   | Kent Co.      | Box   | 6 folio 28        |
| Thomas Vance        | Accounts    | 1760/1 | Worcester Co. | Liber | 45 folio 24       |
| Thomas Vance, Jr    |             | 1770   | Worcester Co. | Liber | 46 folio 253      |
| Ann Elizabeth Vanse | Inventories | 1721   | Cecil Co.     | Box   | 3 folio 46        |
| Ann Elizabeth Vanse | Inventories |        | Cecil Co.     | Liber | 9 folio 138       |
| Samuel Vanse        | Accounts    | 1722   | Cecil Co.     | Liber | 4 folio 148       |

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**DEEDS**  
**HALL OF RECORDS**  
**ANAPOLIS, MARYLAND**  
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Land Records General Index WG No Y  
Baltimore Co. (CRF 46 991)  
1786 David Vance from William Hannah, Lot No. 714 Folio 505

WG No X  
1786 Felty Vance to Ulrick Fiece, 33 acres Folio 479  
Conveyance part of Vances Enlargement (R 134-2)

Grantee Index 1787-1797 Baltimore Co.  
WK 1296-3  
WK 1297-1 1798-1803  
William Vance to Walter Dorsey No. 99 Folio 593  
WK 1296 Baltimore Co. Index Grantee A - Z 1653-1769

1741 Patrick Vance (Grantee) Jarett Freeman (Grantor)  
Rachels Delight No. MA/13 Folio 113

WG 1795 David Vance - Simon Perine Lot on Bottle Alley No TT-33  
R 144 pt 2

CR 32, 876-2 Harford Co. MD  
Edward Vanz to Aquilla Hall et al - Deed 1775 - Liber JLG No F-22

WK 801-802-2  
Agnes Vance with Shadrach Rudledge - 1796 - Liber JLG M-549

WK 802-803-2  
William Vance from Robert Nesbitt Deed 1799 Liber JLG No. 0 453

WK 803-804-1  
William Vance to William Herbert Deed 1801 Liber JLG No. P 376

HDS-8-485 WK 805.1  
Agnes Vance to Samuel Turner Deed 1806 ND 8-485

Agnes & John Vance to Samuel Turner Deed 1806 ND 8-485

HDS-8-416 WK 807-808 (1/2)  
Agnes Vance to Mary Vance Deed 1815  
Mary Vance from Agnes Vance ND Y-416

**BITS AND PIECES**

**MARYLAND BIBLE RECORDS \* Volume 1**  
(This is an Index only)  
**Maryland Historical Society**

V002 John Vance Bible; em\* 1778; on Slack; pub MBR\*\* Vol. 2 p. 127

V003 Samuel Vance Bible; eb\* 1762; em 1798; on Waters; pub MBR Vol. 2 p. 127

V004 Vance Bible; eb 1801; em 1820; on Harper, Waters; pub MBR Vol. 2 p. 126

\*em = earliest marriage. eb = earliest birth \*\*MBR = Maryland Bible Records  
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\*\*\*Wills, Harford Co. MD (Microfilm #CR 10,962-1)

Edward Vann JA 1-8  
John Vance JA 1-15

\*\*\*Book "Maryland Colonial Wills" 1634-1777

Samuel Vans Cecil Co. 1719 Liber 29, p.1  
Alexander Vance Somerset Co. 1755 Liber 29, p. 511

\*\*\*Book "1783 Tax List Harford Co. MD"

p. 25, Harford Co. Bush River Upper & Eden Hundreds. John Vance. Land was "Hugh Cabbin"

p. 39, Harford Co. Bush Lower Hundreds. Samuel Vance  
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Will of JOHN VANCE, Harford Co. MD probated July 1782. Wife, Agnes and children listed are: John Jr., William, Jane md. Turner, Rebecca md. Hanna, Andrew, Eleanor and Alice.  
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Heirs & Legatees, Harford Co. MD, 1774-1802 by Peden  
John Vance, Estate File 229, July 20, 1782, (pg. 16). Executrix: Agnes Vance. No distribution in file. Nearest of kin: Jean Brown and John Brown Sr.

John Brown, Estate File 375, March 7, 1786, (pg. 26). Executors: Jean Brown and John Brown. No distribution in file. Nearest of kin: John Smyth and JOHN VANCE.

Heirs & Legatees, Harford Co. MD, 1802-1846 by Peden  
ANDREW VANCE died August 14, 1811 (pg. 15). Mary Vance, widow; William Vance, son; Robert Vance, son; Elizabeth Vance, daughter; Mary Vance, daughter.

CERTIFICATE  
No. 3714

**THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.**

**To all to whom these Presents shall come, Greeting:**

**WHEREAS** *William Vance of Canale County, Mississippi*  
has deposited in the GENERAL LAND OFFICE of the United States, a Certificate of the REGISTER OF THE LAND OFFICE at *Chocoma*  
whereby it appears that full payment has been made by the said *William Vance*  
according to the provisions of the Act of Congress of the 30th of April, 1820, entitled "An Act making further provision for the sale of the Public Lands," for the North half  
of the East half of the South East quarter of Section Twenty-six in Township Two east  
of Range Four East, in the District of lands subject to sale at *Chocoma, Mississippi*  
containing *Thirtynine acres and sixtyseven hundredths of an acre*  
according to the official plat of the survey of the said Lands, returned to the General Land Office by the SURVEYOR GENERAL, which said tract has been purchased by the said  
*William Vance*  
NOW KNOW YE, That the  
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, in consideration of the Premises, and in conformity with the several acts of Congress, in such case made and provided, HAVE GIVEN AND GRANTED  
and by these presents DO GIVE AND GRANT, unto the said *William Vance*  
and to his heirs, the said tract above described: TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the same, together with all the rights, privileges, immunities, and appurtenances of whatever nature, thereto  
belonging, unto the said *William Vance* and to his heirs and assigns forever.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I, *Martin Van Buren*  
PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, have caused these letters to be made PATENT, and the SEAL of the GENERAL  
LAND OFFICE to be hereunto affixed.

GIVEN under my hand, at the CITY OF WASHINGTON, the *10th* day of *December* in the Year of our  
Lord one thousand eight hundred and *forty*  
the *Sixty*th

BY THE PRESIDENT: *Martin Van Buren*  
*Wm. M. McKim*  
RECORDED OF THE GENERAL LAND OFFICE

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Land Grant to William Vance, great grandfather of Kathleen Mason

**(?)CE APPEAL-AVALANCHE, MEMPHIS MOND(AY?)**

**DAUGHTER OF THE REVOLUTION**

**THE ANCESTRY OF MRS. ELIZABETH  
LITTLE TOPP, OF MEMPHIS**

A Family Record Remarkable for the Distinction  
Achieved by Many of Its Members - A Lineage  
Traceable to the Knights and Ladies of the  
Sixteenth Century

Mrs. Topp is an honorary member of (James?) Madison Chapter, No. 2, Daughters of the American Revolution, and was the daughter of Samuel Vance, of Clarksville, Tenn., and of Elizabeth Little Brown, daughter of Dr. Morgan Brown, of Nashville, Tenn. She was the wife of Robertson Topp, of Memphis, Tenn. Her grandfather, Morgan Brown, first enlisted as a soldier in the regiment of Col. William Thompson, of North Carolina, and took part in the defense of Charleston at the storming of Fort Moultrie under Sir Peter Parker. He served as a lieutenant at the battle of Brandywine, and later as superintendent of transportation and assistant commissary of the army under Gen. Green and Baron de Kalb. Through the marriage of Morgan Brown with Elizabeth Little, the descendents of four illustrious families, the Browns, the Littles, the Gales and the Stewarts, were united.

Morgan Brown first, was the son of Edward Brown, who married Mary, daughter of Morgan Williams, a Welshman, and in that way the name of Morgan was introduced into the family. At this time, 1893, there have been seven to bear the name, and a sketch of the lives of each of these worthies exists in the family.

Edward Brown, the first in America, landed in 1633 at St. Mary's, near the mouth of the Potomac river, having sailed from England in company with George Calvert and about 200 gentlemen of fortitude and rank, with their adherents, chiefly Roman Catholics.

The very liberal terms of settlement allowed by Lord Baltimore and the entire freedom from religious persecution or embarrassment induced rapid immigration and the settlement soon began to extend to the Chesapeake Bay. Kent Island and the neighborhood of Annapolis were the second and third places settled after St. Mary's. Edward Brown first made his home at Kent Island; he also obtained a grant of land at Easter Neck, just across the river from Annapolis, where he lived, though he possessed vast tracts of land on Lankford's Bay, a branch of Chester river. His descendents spread through Maryland, Pennsylvania, North Carolina, and Virginia. There we will leave them while we trace Edward Brown back to his home across the waters in England.

Edward Brown was the son of Robert Brown, was born in 1595, and was patronized by his father's friend and relative, Sir Robert Cecil, son of William Cecil, Lord Burleigh, then secretary of state. In this office he was employed as under secretary, and it was in this position

that he became acquainted with George Calvert, afterward Lord Baltimore. When Calvert succeeded to the secretaryship of the treasury, which had been filled by Sir Robert Cecil, Edward Brown was continued in office and remained in that employment until Lord Baltimore obtained the grant of Maryland, and then with him sailed with the first emigration to Maryland in November, 1632. Dobson's Encyclopedia gives the following account of Robert Brown:

"Robert Brown was the son of Sir Anthony Brown, and he being a man of religious zeal, educated his son Robert for the church. Robert Brown, upon leaving Cambridge, instead of embracing the Catholic creed of his father, or the Reformed Church of England, became a bigoted sectarian. This drove him penniless from his father's house. His turbulent spirit could brook no restraint and he began to preach at Norwich against the discipline and canons of the Church of England. On account of these opinions he was called before certain commissioners with ecclesiastical powers, who imprisoned him for contumacy; but the influence of his relative, Lord Burleigh, procured his release. After this, he repaired to Holland, where he founded several churches (of a sect called the Brownists), and published a book in defense of a system which he affirmed was more comfortable to 'the Apostles model' than any that had existed. For the offense of distributing this work, two men were hanged in Suffolk, in 1583.

"Robert Brown, after his return from Holland, still adhering to his sectarian views, was repeatedly imprisoned, and but for his powerful relative, Lord Burleigh, might have shared the fate of his two disciples. After enduring great hardship he was induced by Lord Burleigh to leave off preaching and to return to his father, and he now came home like the Prodigal Son.

"Sir Anthony Brown, Viscount Montaigne, married 'the lovely Geraldine,' whose name the chaste and elegant muse of Henry, Earl of Surrey, was handed down to posterity as the object of his fervent but fruitless devotion. She was the daughter of the Earl of Kildare and Lady Elizabeth Gray. Lady Elizabeth Gray was the daughter of the Marquis of Rorset, who received the appointment of Lord Deputy of Ireland (Miss Aiken's 'Court of Queen Elizabeth'). Sir Anthony Brown inherited his father's fortunes and the esteem of three successive sovereigns. It appears that in the year 1591, he was visited by Queen Elizabeth, by whom he was highly esteemed, though a zealous Roman Catholic. He resided at 'Cunilry House,' in the Manor of Midhurst. The baronial hall came to Sir Anthony Brown from the Nevil family, his grandmother being a Nevil. Sir Anthony Brown, as ambassador, was the representative of Queen Elizabeth at the courts of Spain, France and Rome. He was a zealous adherent of the Romish faith. He died in 1593, and lies buried in Midhurst Church, and a splendid monument of many colored marbles marks his resting place.

"This Sir Anthony Brown was the son of Sir Anthony Brown, Master of Horse to Henry VIII, and who in his reign, and by his character, was granted the peculiar privilege of wearing his cap in the presence of the king."

This was probably granted for some personal service rendered the king on his visit to France, where, at the great tournament of "the Field of the Cloth of Gold," the meeting of Henry and Francis took place. We have meager account to give of this Sir Anthony Brown, but know that his mother was of the illustrious family of Nevil, and that he married Elizabeth Cecil, daughter of David Cecil, sister of Richard Cecil, Master of Robes to Henry VIII, and who was



also the father of William Cecil, Lord Burleigh, secretary of state of England.

On one occasion while a boy, Morgan Brown, the grandfather of Mrs. Elizabeth L. Topp, came into his father's parlor and stood with his hat on while his father was in conversation with Mr. Little, and he, by way of apology for his son's boorish manners, said: "I see my son, that you are claiming the privilege of your ancestors of wearing your hat in the presence of the king."

Elizabeth Little, wife of Morgan Brown, was the daughter of William Little and Catherine Stewart. William Little was the son of Chief Justice William Little, who was born in Boston, Massachusetts; he was the inheritor of a large fortune, and desiring a higher education than Boston at that time afforded, went to Oxford, England, to complete his studies. While at college in England he became acquainted with Edmund and Christopher Gale, sons of Sir John Gale, one of the lords proprietors of Carolina. A warm friendship sprang up between William Little and these gentlemen, and when the Gales came to America to look after their interest in the colony of Carolina, William Little accompanied them. Here he received the appointment of attorney-general and comptroller of the province of Carolina; finally he married Penelope Gale, the daughter of Christopher Gale. Christopher Gale received from the crown the appointment of chief justice of the province of Carolina, and on his death his son-in-law, William Little, succeeded to his office, and held the place as long as he lived.

Elizabeth Little was the daughter of William Little and Catherine Stewart, and Catherine Stewart was the daughter of Patrick Stewart, Laird of Ledcreigh in Balquhiddier, Perthshire, Scotland. Sir Patrick Stewart was a lineal descendant of Robert, duke of Albany, second son of Robert II, king of Scotland, and through the Stewarts, Mrs. Elizabeth L. Topp can trace her pedigree through 16 generations, and in the veins of the Stewarts flowed blood of the heroes of Scotland. In fact, the history of the Stewarts was for many centuries the history of Scotland. Patrick Stewart was a staunch supporter of "Prince Charlie, the grand young Chevalier," as the Scotch called him, and "Prince Charles, the Pretender," as the English dubbed him; and when he failed to establish himself on the throne of England, and was banished, Patrick Stewart, of Ledcreigh, became disaffected, and finding life in Scotland a burden, came with his family to Carolina, landing at Wilmington in 1739.

There is a ring in the family, one of the treasures brought from Scotland, which is now in the possession of Mrs. Catherine Elizabeth McKissick, which had been worn for many years by Elizabeth Menzies, wife of Patrick Stewart, who, when his wife died, gave this ring to his granddaughter, Elizabeth Little, and expressed the wish that the eldest daughter in the succeeding generations of his family through the ages might be named Elizabeth and become inheritors of this much-prized ring; and his injunction has been strictly obeyed, for there are not only Elizabeths in the direct line from the eldest daughter, but in all collateral branches.

I have given a short sketch of Mrs. Elizabeth Little Topp's ancestors of ancient lineage and noble birth, but they were in no degree better than those of American birth, who bore no title and wore no diadem. Her father, Samuel Vance, of Clarksville, Tenn., was a man of culture and refinement, and was the architect of his own fortune, and, though he was only 39 years of age at his death, by his indomitable perseverance had amassed a handsome estate. While he

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lived he supported his family in luxury, and when he died he left a fortune for his widow and each of his five children, as well as the inheritance of an untarnished name. Miss Elizabeth L. Vance married Robertson Topp at the age of 18, and came to Memphis a bride in 1837, when this part of the state was almost a wilderness. She made her home in the eastern portion of what was then the projected city. Here she had a beautiful home and was surrounded by all the comforts and luxuries that wealth and a loving husband could provide. For more than 50 years after the marriage of Mrs. Topp, there was no break among her children by death; since then her eldest son, Edward Ledcreigh, has passed away. Those of her children who have married are Mr. Edward Ledcreigh Topp, of Memphis; Mrs. Catherine Elizabeth McKissack, of California; Mrs. Florence Farrington, of Memphis, Tenn.; Mrs. Blanche Brooks, of Florida; Mrs. Alice Massey, Mrs. Juliet Cunningham, of St. Louis, Mo. Miss Emma Topp and Mr. Robertson Topp have remained unmarried, and reside with their mother in Memphis.

Robertson Topp, the husband of Elizabeth L. Topp, was born in Davidson County, near Nashville, and was the son of John Topp and Comfort Everett, and grandson of Roger Topp, who was a soldier of the Revolution, and who fought at the battle of King's Mountain. Robertson Topp moved to Memphis in 1831, and became one of the foremost in all undertakings that would redound to the welfare and progress of the city of his adoption, and was at all times acknowledged to be morally and intellectually the peer of any man in the State.

There exist voluminous records of family history, which have been kept by successive generations, and from them this sketch has been condensed.

(Transcribed by Samuel L. Vance, April 2, 2002, from a photocopy [white letters on black background] of a newspaper article published in 1893 in Memphis, Tennessee.)


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“The least people can do is have a history of themselves for those who come after.”  
Noah Webster

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**FAMILY GROUP SHEET—GEORGE W VANCE**

23 Nov 2003

| Husband <b>George W VANCE</b>                                                                                  |                                                   |                                                                                                                                                                       |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Birth                                                                                                          | 29 Aug 1826                                       | Pickens Co. Ala                                                                                                                                                       |
| Death                                                                                                          | 29 Nov 1864                                       | 1,2                                                                                                                                                                   |
| Burial                                                                                                         |                                                   | Liberty Baptist Cemetery Carroll Co MS                                                                                                                                |
| Marriage                                                                                                       | 16 May 1850                                       | Carroll Co MS                                                                                                                                                         |
| Father                                                                                                         | John P VANCE (b 1795)                             |                                                                                                                                                                       |
| Mother                                                                                                         | Isabella McNULTY                                  |                                                                                                                                                                       |
| Wife <b>Mary Louvise (Nancy) BRITNAL<sup>3,4,5</sup></b>                                                       |                                                   |                                                                                                                                                                       |
| Birth                                                                                                          | 23 Jul 1834                                       | Montgomery Co AL <sup>4</sup>                                                                                                                                         |
| Death                                                                                                          | 11 Dec 1911                                       | 1,3                                                                                                                                                                   |
| Burial                                                                                                         |                                                   |                                                                                                                                                                       |
| Father                                                                                                         | Allen R BRITNAL (b abt 1807)                      |                                                                                                                                                                       |
| Mother                                                                                                         | Barbara A UNKNOWN MAIDEN                          |                                                                                                                                                                       |
| Children                                                                                                       |                                                   |                                                                                                                                                                       |
| 1 F                                                                                                            | <b>Elizabeth (Eliza) VANCE<sup>3,5</sup></b>      |                                                                                                                                                                       |
| Birth                                                                                                          | 1 Jul 1851                                        | 4                                                                                                                                                                     |
| Burial                                                                                                         | Jul 1901                                          | Friendship Baptist Church Cemetery <sup>8</sup>                                                                                                                       |
| Death                                                                                                          | 21 Jul 1901                                       |                                                                                                                                                                       |
| Spouse                                                                                                         | John G LOTT                                       |                                                                                                                                                                       |
| Marriage                                                                                                       | 31 Dec 1874                                       | MS <sup>4</sup>                                                                                                                                                       |
| 2 M                                                                                                            | <b>J A VANCE<sup>4</sup></b>                      |                                                                                                                                                                       |
| Birth                                                                                                          | 16 Nov 1852                                       |                                                                                                                                                                       |
| Death                                                                                                          | 25 Nov 1857                                       |                                                                                                                                                                       |
| Burial                                                                                                         |                                                   |                                                                                                                                                                       |
| Marriage                                                                                                       |                                                   |                                                                                                                                                                       |
| 3 M                                                                                                            | <b>James Henry VANCE</b>                          |                                                                                                                                                                       |
| Birth                                                                                                          | 9 Apr 1855                                        |                                                                                                                                                                       |
| Death                                                                                                          | 10 Apr 1871                                       |                                                                                                                                                                       |
| Burial                                                                                                         |                                                   |                                                                                                                                                                       |
| Marriage                                                                                                       |                                                   |                                                                                                                                                                       |
| 4 F                                                                                                            | <b>Mary Louisa (Lou) VANCE<sup>14,5</sup></b>     |                                                                                                                                                                       |
| Birth                                                                                                          | 29 May 1857                                       | Carroll Co, MS <sup>4,11</sup>                                                                                                                                        |
| Death                                                                                                          | 8 Dec 1908                                        | 12,13,14                                                                                                                                                              |
| Burial                                                                                                         |                                                   | Friendship Primitive Baptist Cemetery <sup>15</sup>                                                                                                                   |
| Spouse                                                                                                         | Thomas H (Jim) BROWN                              |                                                                                                                                                                       |
| Marriage                                                                                                       | 22 Apr 1887                                       | 14,4                                                                                                                                                                  |
| 5 M                                                                                                            | <b>George Washington VANCE<sup>5,4</sup></b>      |                                                                                                                                                                       |
| Birth                                                                                                          | 10 Nov 1859                                       | 4                                                                                                                                                                     |
| Death                                                                                                          | 11 Dec 1923                                       | Dermott Chicot County, Arkansas <sup>17</sup>                                                                                                                         |
| Burial                                                                                                         |                                                   | Dermott City Cemetery Chicot County, Arkansas <sup>16,17</sup>                                                                                                        |
| Spouse                                                                                                         | James Nathaniel (Jimmie) TAYLOR                   |                                                                                                                                                                       |
| Marriage                                                                                                       | 5 Jan 1882                                        | 4                                                                                                                                                                     |
| 6 M                                                                                                            | <b>Jefferson Davis (Jeff) VANCE<sup>5,4</sup></b> |                                                                                                                                                                       |
| Birth                                                                                                          | 12 Sep 1861                                       | 4,19                                                                                                                                                                  |
| Death                                                                                                          | 19 Oct 1898                                       | 28                                                                                                                                                                    |
| Burial                                                                                                         |                                                   | Friendship Primitive Baptist Cemetery Carroll Co MS <sup>3</sup>                                                                                                      |
| Spouse                                                                                                         | Nancy Eudora SMITH                                |                                                                                                                                                                       |
| Marriage                                                                                                       | 10 Mar 1893                                       | 4                                                                                                                                                                     |
| 7                                                                                                              |                                                   |                                                                                                                                                                       |
|                                                                                                                | Birth                                             |                                                                                                                                                                       |
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|                                                                                                                | Death                                             |                                                                                                                                                                       |
|                                                                                                                | Burial                                            |                                                                                                                                                                       |
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| Prepared 23 Nov 2003 by:<br>William H. Vance<br>1402 Pebble Rock Court<br>Houston, Texas 77077<br>281 497 5342 |                                                   | Comments:<br> Kallahan-Carley Museum<br>4213 E Ridge Dr.<br>Jackson, MS 39211-0188 |

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**From the Bible of George W. Vance**

| Name                   | Place of Birth              |
|------------------------|-----------------------------|
| <b>Family Record</b>   |                             |
| George W. Vance        | South Carolina, 1826        |
| Mary L. Britnal        | Montgomery Co Alabama, 1834 |
| John G Lott            | Carroll County MS           |
| Eliza A. Vance         | Carroll County MS, 1851     |
| Mary Louviea Vance     | Carroll County MS           |
| George W. Vance        | Carroll County MS           |
| Jinnie N. Taylor       | Carroll County MS           |
| T. H. Brown            | Carroll County MS           |
| Jeff Devis Vance       | Carroll County MS           |
| John Britnal Lott      | Carroll County MS           |
| Jane H. Corley         | Carroll County MS           |
| V. E. McDonald         | Carroll County MS           |
| A. E. Lott             | Carroll County MS           |
| Nancy Eudora Smith     | Carroll County MS           |
| A. E. Lott             | Carroll County MS           |
| L. B. Vance            | Carroll County MS           |
| Bob Alina Lott         | Carroll County MS           |
| Richard Boaz Lott      | Carroll County MS           |
| William Dalton Vance   | Montgomery County MS        |
| Mary Lou Vance         | Carroll County MS           |
| Annie Bell Vance       | Carroll County MS           |
| Georgia Lee Vance      | Carroll County MS           |
| George W. Vance        | Carroll County MS           |
| John Davis             | Carroll County MS           |
| Thomas Jefferson Vance | Montgomery County MS        |

**Marriages**

George W Vance and Mary Louvisa Britnal, May 16, 1850  
 John G Lott and Eliza A Vance, December 31, 1874  
 George W Vance, Jr and Jinnie N Taylor, January 5, 1882  
 T H Brown and Mary Louviea Vance, April 22, 1887  
 John Britnal Lott and Jane H Corley, September 2, 1897  
 Jeff Davis Vance and Nancy Eudora Smith, March 10, 1895  
 V E McDonald and A E Lott, January 20, 1897  
 A E Lott and L B Vance, June 1902  
 Dossy Vance and M L Lott, 1905

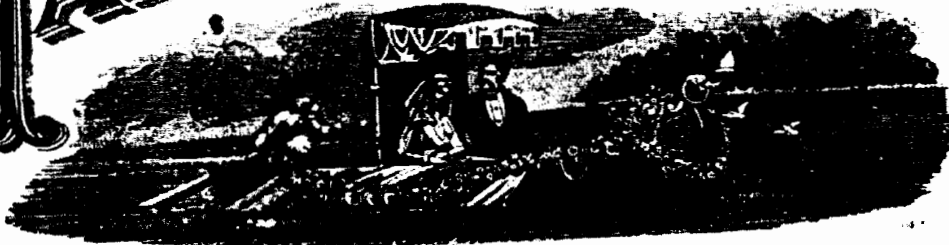
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**From the Bible of George W. Vance  
Memorandum**

| <b>Name</b>           | <b>Born</b>        |
|-----------------------|--------------------|
| George W Vance        | November 5, 1895   |
| John Davis Vance      | December 2, 1897   |
| Thomas Jefferson      | August 15, 1901    |
| Henry Allen Brown     | January 17, 1888   |
| James Thomas Brown    | August 13, 1889    |
| Hardy Jefferson Brown | February 12, 1891  |
| Richard Vance Brown   | January 4, 1893    |
| Johnnie Brown         | January 22, 1897   |
| Mary Alabama Brown    | May 31, 1898       |
| Samuel Edgar Brown    | October 23, 1901   |
| John Britnal Lott     | October 18, 1875   |
| George Vance Lott     | December 27, 1878  |
| Alester Ulalia Lott   | August 10, 1881    |
| Aaron Elihu Lott      | April 10, 1884     |
| Bob Allen Lott        | December 15, 1886  |
| Mattie Lou Lott       | May 16, 1889       |
| Richard Boaz Lott     | September 23, 1892 |

| <b>Family Record</b>                    |                      |                         |                      |
|-----------------------------------------|----------------------|-------------------------|----------------------|
| <b>Name</b>                             | <b>Date of Birth</b> | <b>Date of Marriage</b> | <b>Date of Death</b> |
| George W Vance                          | August 20, 1826      | June 1850               | November 29, 1864    |
| M L Britnal                             | July 23, 1834        | June 1850               | December 11, 1911    |
| E A V                                   | July 1, 1851         |                         | July 21, 1901        |
| J A Vance                               | November 16, 1852    |                         | November 25, 1857    |
| James Henry Vance                       | April 9, 1855        |                         | April 10, 1871       |
| M L Vance                               | May 29, 1857         | April 22, 1887          | December 8, 1908     |
| T H Brown                               |                      | April 22, 1887          | March 10, 1909       |
| Mary A Brown                            |                      |                         | February 6, 1909     |
| G W Vance                               | November 10, 1859    |                         |                      |
| J D Vance                               | September 12, 1861   |                         | October 19, 1899     |
| A R Britnal                             | February 1, 1807     |                         | October 8, 1868      |
| Elizabeth Talford                       | 1807                 |                         | March 4, 1836        |
| George V Lott                           | December 27, 1877    |                         | January 14, 1885     |
| William D Vance                         | January 16, 1883     | December 3, 1908        |                      |
| Bell Muselwhite                         |                      |                         |                      |
| Mary Lou Vance                          | July 20, 1884        | January 19, 1910        | July 22, 1911        |
| Sam A Hemphill<br>Son of Mary Lou Vance | July 11, 1911        |                         | July 20, 1911        |
| Annie Bell Vance                        | February 23, 1890    |                         |                      |
| George L Vance                          | May 20, 1893         | November 9, 1913        |                      |
| ?? McDonald                             |                      |                         |                      |

# MARRIAGES



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22 1887 John Britnal Lott and Jane  
H. Corley was married Sep the 2 1889  
Eff. Davis Vance and Nancy Eddow  
Smith was married march the 10 1895  
W. E. McDonald and H. E. Lott was  
married Jan the 20 1897  
H. E. Lott and R. L. B. Vance was married  
June 1902 Darry Vance and H. L.  
Lott was married 1905





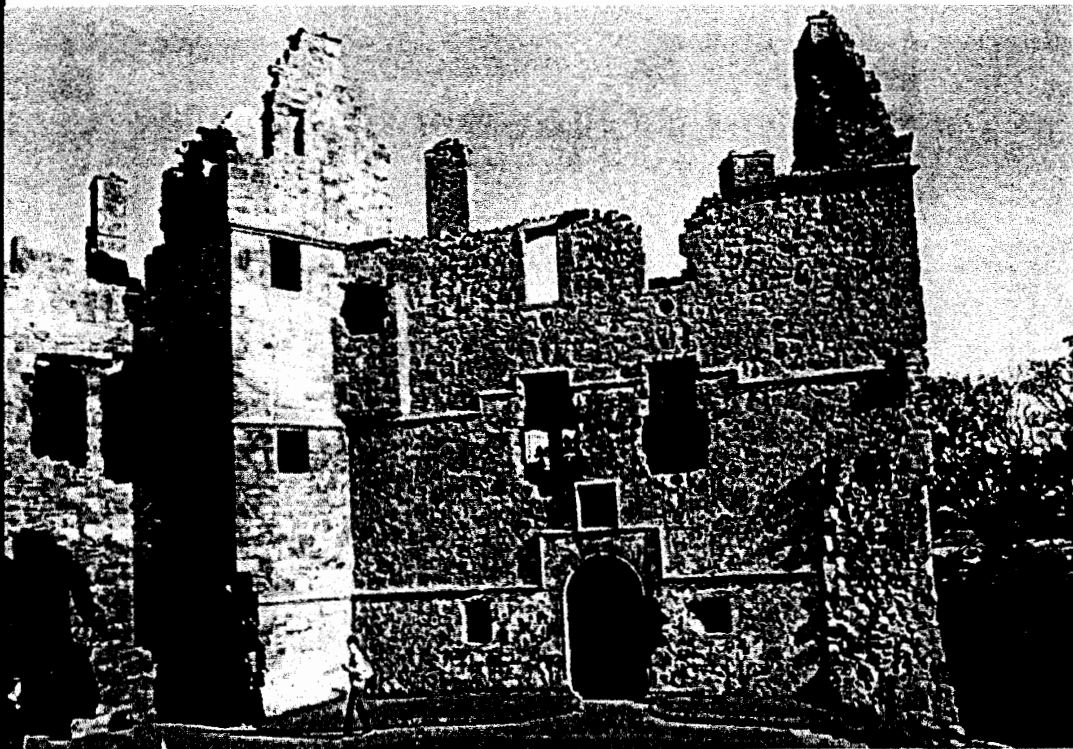
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Editor's Note: To better facilitate the composing and mailing of the newsletters, we have made a little change.  
Newsletters are sent out in February, May, August, and November.

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## *President's Letter*

Dear Friends;

The holiday season approaches and the year moves on. Some of you probably have the menu completed for the Thanksgiving dinner. I hope that we can all remember and be thankful for what we have, especially our freedom.

This is the last of four newsletters for the year 2004. Our next newsletter will be in February 2005. Our thanks go out to Linda Garman, Editor; Kathleen Mason, Historian Emeritus; and all of those members who have contributed articles and information throughout this year. We thank you for your time and expense to research and analyze the results of hours of searching for names and events.

VFA is now in it's 21st year of helping the Vance lineage to be expanded by publishing information to prove or enlarge your family tree.

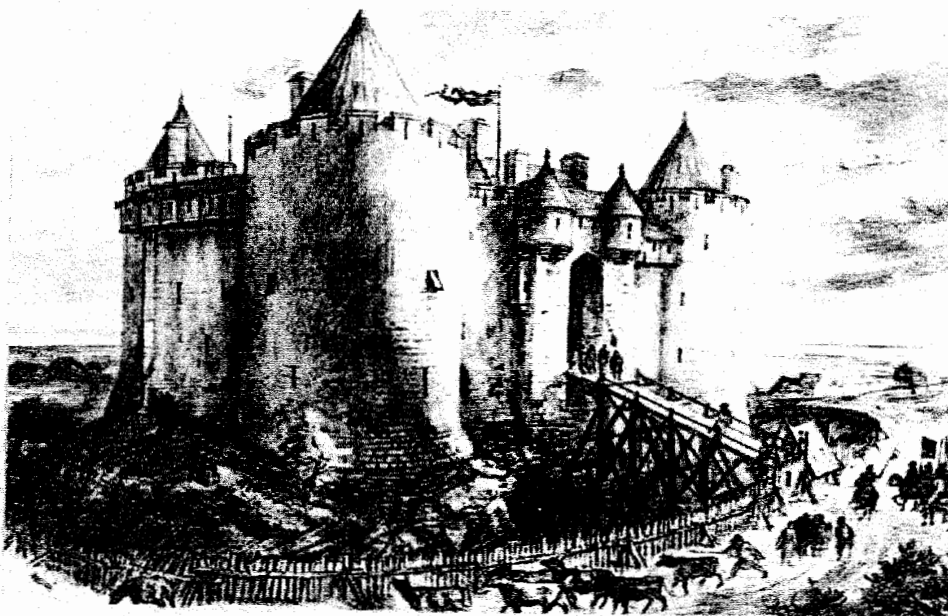
Betty Silfies is putting some final touches on the St. Louis meeting for October 13-16, 2005. More in February.

At the October 2005 meeting, a slate of officers will be voted on to serve in the two years following. If you or someone you know would like to run for office, please send your, (their) name and address to me by mail or e-mail. You must be a VFA member to participate in the election. If you would like to help in any of the other staff positions, please let me know.

I wish everyone a Happy Holiday Season and a Peaceful, Healthful, and Successful New Year.

Sincerely,

Charles Vance



Dirleton Castle, Scotland

Formal Gardens





Formal Gardens

Dirleton Castle







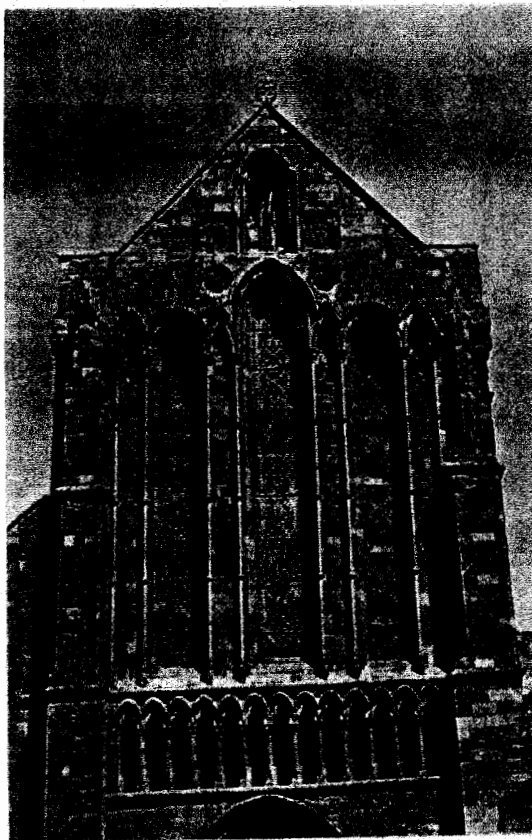
Dirleton Castle, Dirleton Scotland







Lanercost Priory.  
Founded by  
Robert de Vaux, 1166.  
Brampton, England





Lanercost Priory,  
inside



## IRELAND

Maurice Vance, 2229 Amelia Cr., Tallahassee, FL 32304 shares a photograph of the well known Vans/Vance Monument at Coagh, Ireland. It was made before it was damaged by weather and time. Maurice transcribed it as it was originally etched, which varies a bit from translation from the well worn monument. Thank you, Maurice.

### THE VANS/VANCE MONUMENT AT COAGH

(A little punctuation added by the Editor for easier reading.)

In memory of the late JOHN VANCE Esqr of COAGH. Born 1742, Deceased 1799. Eldest Son of Jas Vance Esqr who was 2nd Son of JOHN VANCE Esqr whose Father was JOHN VANCE the ELDER who first obtained a Lease of the lands of COAGH. He was the Eldest Son of DR Lancelot Vance, Surgeon, and afterwards, Colonel of the Coleraine Regiment who died from excessive fatigue within the walls of DERRY during the Memorable Siege thereof in 1689, and whose Father was the Reverend (John) VANS who fled from the South of SCOTLAND to IRELAND during the religious persecutions there about the middle of the 17th Century, and was a Cadet of the ancient and Distinguished Family of Vans or Van of Barnbarragh in Wigton Shire a Younger branch of that of the Lords (of) Dirleton in East Loashean who were Descended of the VAN who accompanied to ENGLAND from FRANCE, WILLIAM the Conqueror of Normandy, where they were Lords of province and Normandy and Sovereigne Counts of Orange, and Dukes of Andre, holding a distinguished part in European History before the advent of Charlemagne.

#### ERECTED By

Robert Anstruther Balbirnie-Vans Esqr  
Grandson to the First Named JOHN VANCE

For further information concerning the monument and some of the men named on it, see articles by Kathleen Mason in The Vance Family Association Newsletter:

The Coagh Monument. V:91 (July, 1989). (N.B. There are minor variations of spelling between Mrs. Mason's transcription and the one above; hers was copied directly from the monument in 1984, while the one above was taken from the original of the photograph, taken c. 1950.)

"Rev. John Vans." IV: 52 (April, 1988)

"Have We Found the Father of Rev. John Vans of Kilmacreehan?" VII:26-27 (Jan., 1991)

"Dr. Lancelot Vance." V:92-95 (July 1989)

"Robert Anstruther Balbirnie-Vans." V:87 (July 1989)



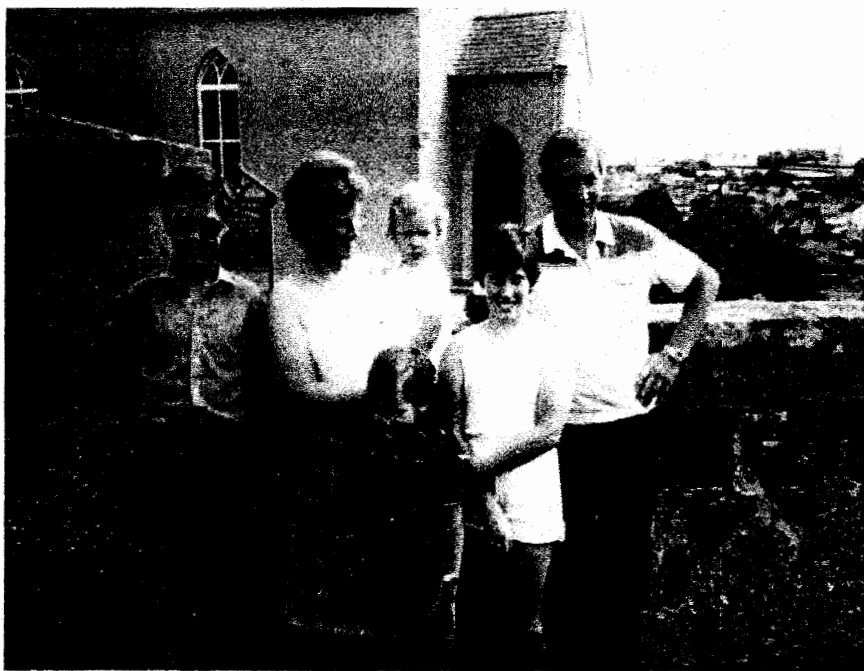
THE SENTINEL, AUGUST 15, 1984



Back Row: Helen Miller, Tom Paterson, Don Neill, John Ewart  
Third Row: Horace Vance, Mary Ewart, Maureen Ackerly, Marilyn Muller  
Second Row: Josephine Vance, Vance Voss Smith, Sandra Johnson, Kathleen Mason  
First Row: Colm Geary, City Clerk, Len Green, Councilman, Alec Vans, Kathleen Neill, Liz Gordon.  
Taken in front of Guildhall, Londonderry, Ireland.



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Above, William and Glynis Vance Armstrong and family, Stewartstown, Northern Ireland.  
Below, the Armstrong Home.





Above: William Armstrong and his police friends who joined the Vances for tea.

Below: The Vances of Enniskillen, Ireland. They joined the Vances for dinner.





Buddy Vance and his family from Texas at the Vance History Monument at Coagh, Ireland.  
Monument erected by Robert Anstruther Balbirnie, c 1850



Above: Church at Inver County Donegal, Ireland

Below: Robert Vance at The Point





Ruins of Kilmacrenan Church  
where Rev. John Vans served as  
pastor.

Cemetery at Kilmacrenan.



## Andrew Jackson, Seventh President of the United States of America, A Vance Descendant

Comments by Kathleen Mason.

I was very pleased to receive a copy of a newspaper article regarding Coagh, Northern Ireland. This was sent by Glynis Vance Armstrong (photos of her, her family and home on page 105). Interesting the family connection comes from a disinterested person. Observation: Glynis and Andrew Jackson have a good resemblance.



(Editor's note: The newspaper article was not scanable and is transcribed here, along with Glynis's note.)

### AMERICAN LEGACY UNEARTHED

The residents of Coagh have been celebrating the Twelfth of July in the village for more than two centuries. However, local historian John Hagan says that the villagers should be honouring another special date in July - July 4th, American Independence Day.

Following extensive research the former MAIL reporter claims that the village has a very strong American Presidential link through the Vans or Vance family who first obtained a lease for the lands of Coagh three and a half centuries ago.

John told the MAIL, "Throughout my childhood years I was intrigued by an old gravestone in Tamlaght graveyard.

"The stone bears the details of the Vance family who fled Ayrshire during the religious persecution of the 17th century.

Continued...

"A devout Presbyterian, Rev. John Vance settled in Coagh obtaining a lease for the lands from the Crown in 1660.

"He married Sarah Ashe and they had six children one of whom was Dr. Lancelot Francis Vance who died of 'excessive fatigue' during the Siege of Derry in 1689.

"From his marriage to Euphemia Murray, Dr. Vance had five children, one of whom was John Vance (the younger), who erected the tombstone in memory of his father and grandfather.

"John Vance had a daughter called Elizabeth who married Hugh Jackson and they had a son whom they named Andrew after Elizabeth's brother - Andrew Vance.

"Andrew Jackson emigrated to America with his wife Elizabeth (nee Hutchinson) in 1765 - two years later, on March 15, 1767, near Camden South Carolina, Andrew Jackson Jr. was born in a log cabin.

"Sadly the young child who would grow up to be elected U.S. President never knew his father. Andrew Sr. was killed in a logging accident just two weeks before his son was born." Jackson spent his early life in the Waxhaw settlement near the North Carolina border.

Attending a good school, his mother had hopes of him becoming a Presbyterian minister like his Coagh ancestor; however, his pranks, cursing, quick temper and subsequent fights led her to think of another career for her son.

"During the Revolutionary War of 1778-81 Jackson joined the Patriots when he was 13 years of age, said John.

"Determined to fight against the British he was captured by a British officer who slashed Jackson across the face with his sword after he refused to polish the officer's boots.

"By the end of the war his immediate family were all dead and he was left an orphan at just 14 years of age, his mother having died from cholera while nursing patriot soldiers, and his brothers killed on the battlefields.

"After the war he studied law and became an attorney and was later a senior judge in Tennessee.

"On April 3, 1829 the young man whose grandmother was born in Coagh, County Tyrone and whose Great-Great-Grandfather had served with distinction during the Siege of Derry, was elected 7th President of the United States of America."

John concluded: "For centuries the old Vance family tombstone has stood overlooking Coagh; as the villagers walked past it tending the graves of their loved ones, little did any of us ever realise the important role the descendants of those who lie in the shadow of Tamlaght church would play in the history of the U.S.A.

"Andrew Jackson was a leader among men, he was the only President to have been a prisoner of war; he was the first President to be born in a log cabin, the first to ride on a railroad train, the first to survive an assassination attempt and he was the only President in American history to pay off the national debt and leave office with the country in the black."

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Glynis's note: "Dear Kathleen, I thought you would be interested to read this out of our local newspaper. This is the grave yard in Coagh where we met up with you and this is the tombstone you all went to see. [see photo pg 107] I hope you are well. We are all well here. Two of our children are married and the third is getting married next April. We have 3 grandchildren and another due in November. Billy is still an Assembly Member in our Parliament and we have a lot to thank God for. Love, Glynis (Vance) Armstrong"

More...



## ANDREW JACKSON

By Kathleen Mason

For some years I have wished to write a comprehensive article on Andrew Jackson and his connection to the Vance family. There simply has not been enough research time. However, since the VFA meeting in Nashville and the visit to his home "The Hermitage," I feel compelled to print just a teaser article concerning some specific time frames of his life.

The Vance Connection. William Balbirnie wrote an eighty page book on the history of the Vance Family, An Account Historical & Genealogical From The Earliest Date Till The Present Time of the Family of Vance in Ireland, Vans in Scotland, Anciently Vaux in Scotland & England & Originally deVaux in France, Latin DeVallibus printed in 1860. This quest for his family history was at the request of his brother Robert Anstruther Balbirnie, who legally had his name changed and added Vance, but used the Scottish spelling of Vans. William Balbirnie's book concluded that Andrew Jackson's mother was Elizabeth Vance, daughter of John Vance of Coagh, Ireland. In his book, page 37, he states that John Vance, who obtained a lease of a tract of land under the Act of Settlement in the Townland of Coagh had ...four sons...three daughters... "the other married Andrew Jackson, of Magherafelt, who emigrated to America, and there gave birth to Andrew Jackson, the General, late President of the United States..."

Page 41 he states "...It is worthy of note respecting the two Messrs. William Vance of Antrim (the cousins we have just referred to) that they are the only persons we have ever met, who had an exact knowledge of the origin of the family in Great Britain. We have rarely met a Vance who did not express a distinct knowledge that the family of Ireland originally came from Scotland, but the Messrs. Vance, of Antrim, told us the family was originally French and all in England were descended from three brothers who came to England with William the Conqueror - that their authority was the late William Vance, father of the one, and uncle of the other. This old gentleman we very well knew - remember first to have seen him about or before the year 1830, when he paid a visit to our parents in Glasgow, staying with us for two or three weeks. Our mother highly esteemed her second cousin, and he was a wondrous favourite with ourself, and we doubt not the rest of our brothers and father, we had subsequently the pleasure two or three times to visit him in Antrim, and found him exceedingly intelligent and entertaining. It is further worthy of note that his wife, the daughter of Margaret Vance, used to speak to her children of the Jacksons in Tubbermore and Fort William, near Magherafelt, and that she was cousin to them. This is the family of whom General Andrew Jackson was a member, who was cousin germane to our grandfather, John, and to his brother, Alderman James Vance, of course."

He was not alone in his family with the knowledge of a kinship to President Andrew Jackson. His brother, Robert Anstruther Balbirnie-Vans died in 1851 before the project was completed and before he paid his brother for his work. Robert had moved to Australia and had returned to Ireland/Scotland for a visit. After his visit he returned to Australia and suddenly died. He had been quite successful in Australia and his real estate endeavors in Australia added more weight to the Vance-Jackson connection. See Newsletter July 1989, pg. 87/9.

Robert Anstruther Balbirnie-Vans developed some land in Australia, and to show the family history and sentiments, he laid out a subdivision, and named one street George Street, the next street Washington Street, the next street Andrew Street, and the next street Jackson Street. In his book Balbirnie explains that his grandfather Vance in Ireland had intended to go

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to the United States. However, when the American war broke out, an embargo prevented him from emigrating. When his only son was born he named him **George Washington Vance**. This was a statement of his feelings about not being able to leave. This George Washington Vance was the uncle of William Balbirnie and Robert Anstruther Balbirnie-Vans. The names of the streets in the subdivision in Australia give a very strong statement of the family's known family history that Andrew Jackson was a part of the Vance family. See plat at end of article.

When William Balbirnie came to the United States in the early 1870's, he was utterly appalled to find printed that President Jackson's mother was known as Elizabeth Hutchinson. He wrote a 68 page legal size manuscript<sup>1</sup> concerning same. He knew the strong family legend, with Jackson at nearby Magherafelt area. His manuscript concerning the ancestry of Andrew Jackson was almost identical to his original work, but much more was added. I do not know if, before his death, he realized he was merely off a generation because of the duplicate names.

My personal novice conclusion is that because of the duplicate names of Andrew and Elizabeth, that William Balbirnie was off one generation, i.e. Andrew Jackson Sr. married Elizabeth Vance, daughter of John of Coagh, Tyrone, Ireland, and they had a son, Andrew Jackson Jr. who married Elizabeth Hutchinson. Elizabeth Hutchinson is generally accepted as the mother of President Andrew Jackson.

American Patriot (1981) by Ronald Vern Jackson, pg. 102, shows Elizabeth Vance, daughter of John of Coagh, Tyrone, Ireland married to Andrew Jackson, and their son, Andrew Jackson, married Elizabeth Hutchinson, parents of President Andrew Jackson.

Mormon Fiche 6026027, Vital Records Ballinderry, Lower Cumber, Tamlaght, Northern Ireland, pg 1-29 confirms that during William Balbirnie's young lifetime, and prior to the time he compiled his book in 1860, there were indeed Jacksons in the community near Coagh.

Magherafelt Church confirmed:

Eliza Jackson, age 14 - 1833 (born 1812)  
Robert Jackson, age 18 1/2 - 1856 (born 1838)  
Jemima Jackson, age 14 1/2 - 1856 (born 1842)  
Eliza Brasford Jackson, age 20 - 1856 (born 1830)  
William Jackson, age 16 - 1859 (born 1843)  
Eliza Jackson, age 16 - 1859 (born 1843)  
Eliza J. Jackson, age 15 1/4 - 1859 (born 1844)

Parish Ballinderry, County of Londonderry & Tyrone, Diocese Armagh, N. Ireland

George, son of William & Mary Jackson, baptized 15 February 1815  
Theresa, daughter of William & Mary Jackson, baptized 7 January 1831

Rectors of Ballinderry & Tamlaght

John Joseph Jackson 1856/51, Curate. He was Rector from 1851/95.

Baptisms at Tamlaght 1843/4

June 9, 1842, Samuel, son of Samuel and Mary Vance of Coagh. Occupation of the Father: Police.

There are conflicting legends about Andrew's age. Some years ago, VFA member Virginia Roach referred me to Allan W. Eckert's book The Frontiersmen. The following is a

<sup>1</sup>General Andrew Jackson and His Mother, Who and Whence Were They, by William Balbirnie, hand written unpublished manuscript. Original owned by Kathleen Mason. Copy has been presented to The Papers of Andrew Jackson, The University of Tennessee, Knoxville, TN.

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Partial quote from his notes, pg. 706. I have personally verified the contents quoted by John H. James in Draper MSS Roll 78 Vol. 5 BB, pg. 79 and 125.

"Despite claims by some biographers that Andrew Jackson was born in the Waxhaws District, Lancaster County, South Carolina, on March 15, 1767, there is good cause to believe this to be erroneous and that Jackson was, in fact, born at sea while his parents, Andrew and Elizabeth Hutchinson Jackson, were immigrating to America from County Antrim, Ireland, thus making him legally ineligible for the office of President of the United States, which he later assumed. Simon Kenton, in his own reminiscences, given verbally to Judge John James, who took them down in writing in Kenton's home in 1833, discussed his meeting and fighting with Andrew Jackson in the autumn of 1779. At different points in this narration, Kenton told Judge James that (1) "Jackson was certainly twenty-odd years at that time" and (2) "Jackson was one year older or younger than myself, I don't remember which." This would, of course, mean that Andrew Jackson was born in either 1754 or 1756. General Henry Lee in his notes in the Draper Collection fully corroborates Kenton's company during that encounter in 1779. Had Jackson been born, as biographers claim, in 1767, he would at this time have been only 12 year old and hardly apt to have been in command of a team of packhorse men (all of whom he had allegedly whipped) and employed in running the North Carolina/Virginia survey line..."

In 1985 I was in contact with Harold D. Moser, Editor-Director of The Papers of Andrew Jackson, The University of Tennessee, Knoxville, TN. He concluded in his letter to me 17 August 1985, that the Andrew Jackson that Simon Kenton referred to was another Andrew Jackson. Much research has been done trying to resolve this conflict. He sent me a copy of The Other Andrew Jackson by Ellis Munson Goodwin, pg. 89/90 from National Genealogical Society Quarterly, June 1971, which states that two young men named Andrew Jackson lived for some years after the Revolution in the Salisbury area of North Carolina. One was Andrew the student who by 1787 held a license to practice law in Surry County, and was later to become President Andrew Jackson. The other was an assistant surveyor who was on the Randolph County 1779 tax list on William Cole's list. By 1800 he lived in Randolph County with a large family. It was this Andrew, the surveyor, who left a record of unpaid tavern bills and questionable conduct, and whose deeds enlivened the pages of the many volumes written about President Andrew Jackson. This really seems to resolve this conflict by the simple matter of two men having the same name, and one later became president. Some chose to try to give the mis-deeds of the older Andrew Jackson to the younger one who became president.

Another legend concerning the life of Andrew Jackson that may be questionable concerns an inheritance. The American Presidents by David C. Whitney, pg. 67 states "At sixteen he unexpectedly received an inheritance of between £300 and £400 from his grandfather, a well-to-do merchant who had died in Ireland. But instead of purchasing a farm or going to college, the boy squandered the money on clothes, horse races, dice, and the gay life of the taverns of Charleston, South Carolina."

The above transaction does not seem possible, since he was a minor. If he did indeed inherit money the funds would have been placed in a guardianship for him and not handed over to him.

Mr. Moser, in his letter to me 6 November 1985, seems to think this legend began with Augustus Carey Buell, in his two volume History of Andrew Jackson, which showed not a single document as evidence to any of his stories about Andrew Jackson. Several authors

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quoted him and the legend continued without any documentation of foundation. Buell may have gotten the idea about Andrew Jackson's inheritance from the letter from William McCulley, an alleged cousin of Andrew Jackson, who took it upon himself to trace the ancestry of President Andrew Jackson and take it to America to him. I had Kathleen Neill, Chief Executive of Irish Heritage Association do research in Ireland in an attempt to find the document that would show Andrew Jackson inherited from his grandfather. She was our Vance Tour Leader at the 1984 trip to Scotland and Ireland. She could find nothing regarding an inheritance. I gave her the name of George Birch, document attested 29 September 1821, as shown in National Genealogical Society Quarterly, sent to me by VFA member Liz Gordon years ago. Kathleen Neill did find reference to George Birch, but not in connection with any inheritance. It seems from a careful study of McCulley's letter, that Birch merely attested the signature of McCulley. There was no real reference to any documentation and date regarding an inheritance. So, the story about Andrew Jackson receiving a £300 or £400 inheritance in Charleston and blowing it, seems to have no foundation. It just added more 'color' to his character, and, unfortunately, the legend continued to be printed.

Perhaps these references will correct the legends that have been printed about Andrew Jackson that are of interest to the Vance family. If you have further documentation, please share.

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**LETTER FROM THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES OF SCOTLAND**  
To, and submitted by, Sam Vance

23 March 2004

Dear Mr. Vance

Thank you for your letter of 29 February.

We appreciate your interest in this important collection, but as you know, it is only partly inventoried. In terms of staff and resources we are unable at the present time to produce a detailed catalogue.

However we shall have completed by the end of next year a massive review of all uncatalogued collections in the National Archives so that a major cataloguing programme can be organised.

Yours sincerely

COLIN C JOHNSTON  
Curatorial Officer  
Private Records Branch

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**LETTER TO THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES OF SCOTLAND**  
Sent and submitted by Sam Vance

March 30, 2004

ATTN: Colin C. Johnston  
Curatorial Officer  
Private Records Office

Reference: My letter of 29 February and your reply of 23 March

Dear Mr. Johnston:

Thank you for your reply to my inquiry. I assume that there is still no established mechanism by which we, the Vance Family Association, can contribute monetarily towards funding the continuation of the review, synopsising, and cataloging of the Barnbarroch charter collection?

We look forward to your completion of the review of all the uncatalogued private collection in the National Archives next year, and hope that it does indeed result in the organization of the "major cataloguing programme" that you mentioned. We will inquire next year on the progress of this effort.

I was one of the VFA members that was on the 1994 VFA Scotland Tour that visited the Archives and saw selected documents from the charter collection. It was an unbelievably thrilling experience to actually hold in my own hands these letters to and from the current British monarchs and (I believe) my ancestors!

Very truly yours,

Samuel L. Vance  
For the Vance Family Association

## **BITS AND PIECES**

### **CHANGE OF ADDRESS**

Our Historian Emeritus has moved to a retirement home, taking tons of Vance information with her! We wish her the best at her new address:

Mrs. Kathleen Corley Mason  
619 Highland Colony Parkway, Apt 236  
Ridgeland, MS 39157  
Phone: 601-605-4399

**THE VANCE FAMILY REUNION/CONFERENCE** in 2005 will be held in St. Louis, MO., at the Drury Plaza Hotel, on the waterfront! The hotel is the restored International Fur Trading Co. warehouse which, at one time, was the largest in the world! The as yet undetermined registration fee will include two dinners and sight seeing tours. A boat cruise is also planned.

### **HISTORIC FAMILY PROPERTY PRESERVED!**

Those VFA members who attended the Winchester meeting in 2001 will remember our tour of historic family-related properties in the area. Although we went to Clermont at Berryville, we were not permitted to enter. It was owned by Elizabeth Rust Williams, a local attorney who had inherited the farm, with the dwelling (a part of it the original), who understood that John Vance (B c 1699 - D 1760 in Frederick Co., VA) had received a land grant in 1751 from Thomas Lord Fairfax, Baron of Cameron. Nevertheless, we were not invited to view the house. We recently learned from Mary Thomason-Morris, Archivist of the Clarke County Historical Society, that Ms. Williams had died this summer (July 8) and bequeathed her property to the Department of Historic Resources of the State of Virginia. Her wishes were that it be preserved as a working farm. This information was confirmed.

The original grant of 353 acres was surveyed by George Washington. A chainman assisting was William Crawford who married John Vance's daughter Hannah. (This is the same Col. William Crawford who was burned at the stake by Indians in 1782 near the Sandusky River in Ohio.) The tract received by the DHR contains about the same acreage. With real estate development in the Shenandoah Valley continuing at a fast pace, residents, historians, and endless passers-by will appreciate that beautiful rural scene, literally "in the Shadow of the Blue Ridge," thanks to Ms. Williams and her desire to preserve Clermont during her life and into the future.

This article was submitted by Fay Vance Morrison, a descendant of this John Vance.

### **EAST TENNESSEE STATE UNIVERSITY ESTABLISHES ENDOWMENT IN MEMORY OF DR. BOONEY VANCE**

Submitted by Barbara Hobson

Known to most everyone as "Booney," the late Dr. Hubert Vance is being remembered by his family, friends, and colleagues through a new lecture series at ETSU.

The Dr. Hubert R. "Booney" Vance Memorial Lectureship Series Endowment has been

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established in honor of Vance, who passed away on January 7, 2004, after a battle with idiopathic cardiomyopathy. The endowment, in the ETSU Foundation, will bring nationally recognized experts to the campus annually to present on current issues in the field of psychiatry and behavioral sciences.

Prior to his death, Vance was a faculty member in the ETSU department of psychiatry and behavioral sciences where he specialized in learning disorders and the care of older adults with dementia.

In recent years, Vance had been instrumental in establishing a partnership between the College of Medicine and the people of several countries in the Middle East for the improvement of health care. He had also published a number of peer-reviewed journal articles and books and had spoken around the world.

"Booney was a very humble man and had a really good heart," said Dr. Merry Miller, professor and chair of psychiatry and behavioral sciences at the James H. Quillen College of Medicine. "He worked hard to do good for others and would often ask people how he might be of help to them.

"Though Booney will never be forgotten, this lecture series is just one way we can honor his memory by bringing noted scholars, just like him, to our campus who will engage our intellectual curiosity and further the education and knowledge of his colleagues, friends, and the students to whom he was dedicated and truly loved teaching."

He was an active member of Sinking Creek Baptist Church as a deacon and Sunday school teacher. Vance's survivors include his wife, **Sandra Barlow Vance**, two daughters, two granddaughters, three brothers, and many close friends and family.

Tax-deductible donations to the ETSU Foundation for the Dr. Hubert R. "Booney" Vance Memorial Lectureship Series Endowment are being accepted by contacting ETSU University Advancement at (423) 439-4242, or by writing, P.O. Box 70721, Johnson City, TN 37614.

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#### **GENERAL VANCE CAPTURED!**

From the Guernsey Co., Ohio genealogical publication, "Roots and Branches."  
Submitted by John McMichael.

In an article on Camp Chase, Ohio, dated February 5, 1864, the writer tells of the woes of war in winter, the deplorable conditions, and the deaths of "healthy" men from exposure and the measles. He names those who died as Corporal Cephas Finley, from near Senecaville, OH; James W. Pryor, from near Calais, Monroe County; and William Thomas of Salesville. He further writes, "They all died in Camp Chase Hospital and their remains were sent home to be interred by loved ones, whose hearts have been broken and whose homes have been made desolate by these severe afflictions... The new made graves of the lamented and honored dead (whose blood and tears point to the reeking hands and malicious hearts of traitors and their allies and cry to heaven for vengeance) are now seen in every Cemetery and Church Yard... road and by way, and yet no patriot passes by these sacred spots of earth without pausing to shed a tear and revere the memory of those who have borne some part, however humble, in putting down this terrible rebellion.

"In camp there is nothing of special interest, except the late arrival of rebel **GENERAL VANCE**, recently captured by our army..."

## CHARLES KING SOLOMAN VANCE

By Dale Jennings

From back issues of the VFA newsletters and other sources, it appears that Charles King Vance was one of four known sons born to Thomas Vance (1784-1859) and Rebecca Mount (1791-1865). The other sons were Fountain J., James G., and John U. Thomas Vance was one of eight known children, six sons and two daughters, born to Patrick Vance and Lydia (Sarah) Harrington. Charles King Vance has appeared twice in VFA newsletters. He appeared first in the April 2001 issue in conjunction with Sally Gilrain's "Texas Land Grants." He, his father and three brothers received land grants in the Peters Colony in Collin County, Texas, in the 1850's. The article contains a brief biographical sketch of each. Charles King Vance also appeared in the July 2001 issue as "C. K. King," a Confederate soldier in Morgan's Regiment, Texas Cavalry.

A worldconnect.rootsweb.com family tree entry by Bruce Brandenburg on January 29, 2004, briefly profiled Thomas Vance and his three sons. Bruce had more complete names for Fountain Jordan, James George Washington, and Charles King Solomon Vance. The latter's nickname he said was "King." (Charles is identified as C. K. S. Vance, and his two-year-old son as "Chas King Soloman" Vance when enumerated in Collin County, TX, in the 1850 census.) Bruce said that Charles K. Vance was killed in the Civil War about 14 July 1863 in "Donaldson," Ascension Parish, LA (Colonel C. L. Morgan's Texas Cavalry regiment was indeed operating in South Louisiana at the time in opposition to the federal occupation of that part of the state.) Bruce's other biographical information is consistent with what is known about Charles K. S. Vance. He was a carpenter born in Illinois in 1823. Mr. Brandenburg said that Charles married Sarah Carrico circa 1842 in Greene, Illinois. We tried to contact Bruce Brandenburg by his e-mail address, bruce851@earthlink.net, but it was returned undeliverable.

On July 13, 1863, Confederate forces, to include elements of the Texas cavalry, defeated a much larger federal force in the battle of Cox's Plantation, driving them back to the nearby Fort Butler at Donaldsonville, LA. The Union side suffered combined casualties of 459 killed, wounded, and captured. The Confederate casualties were 3 killed and 30 wounded, 6 of whom would die later. (This is based on information in the book, "The Civil War in Louisiana" by John D. Winters, Baton Rouge 1963). Charles King Vance was probably one of those to die in this engagement.

The "Ancestor Hunting" column by Mildred S. Watkins in the December 22, 1964 edition of The Shreveport Journal had very informative genealogy on the family of Charles K. Vance, repeated here as written:

"Our thanks to Mrs. T. J. Burns, Rt. 1, Box 407, Springhill, LA, for the following information she copied from old papers found in an aunt's trunk: Charles King Vance, son of Thomas and Rebecca Vance, was born May the 17th A. D. 1823; Margaret Chaffin Carrico, daughter of Dennis and Jane Carrico, was born April the 3rd A. D. 1823; Charles King Vance and Margaret C. Carrico were married Dec. the 3rd A. D. 1841; Helen Maria Vance, daughter of C. K. and Margaret C. Vance, was born Sept. the 4th, 1842; William Dennis Vance, son of C. K. and M. C. Vance, was born Oct. the 26th A. D. 1843; James Thomas Vance, son was born March the 31st A. D. 1845.

"Charlotte Eveline Vance, daughter, was born Jan. the 13th A. D. 1847; Charles King S.

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Vance, son, was born April the 21st A. D. 1848; Margrett Jane Vance, daughter, was born Dec. 6th A. D. 1849; Charles King Vance and Sarah Sparks, second wife, daughter of Moses and Elizabeth Sparks, were married July the 20th A. D. 1850; Sarah Vance was born April the 14th A. D. 1828.

"Henry Vance, son of C. K. and Sarah Vance, was born Jan. the 13th 1852; Sarah Vance, daughter of C. K. and Sarah Vance, was born Oct. the 29th 1853; Charles K. Vance and Susan Ann Steward, third wife, was married Feb. the 4th 1855; Susan Vance was born March the 1st A. D. 1825; Tabitha Ann Vance, daughter of C. K. and Susan Vance, was born June the 13th A. D. 1856; Susan Emily Vance, daughter, was born May the 2nd A. D. 1858; John Bush Vance, son, was born Jan. the 26th A. D. 1860; Terecy (?) Ann Vance, daughter, was born July the 15th A. D. 1861.

"Watson Buford Bowles was born Sept. 19, 1920, and died April 25, 1874, age 53 years, 7 m(onths), 2 days; Pleasant Polk Jones was born August the 22nd A. D. 1852; Susan Jane Jones, daughter of P. P. and Tabitha A. Jones was born Oct. the 28th A. D. 1876.

"Charles King Vance departed this life July 14th 1863, age 40 years, 2 months, 27 days; Margaret C. Vance, first wife, departed this life Feb. the 16th 1850, age 26 years, 9 months and 17 days; Sarah Vance, second wife, departed this life Jan. the 31st 1854, age 26 years, 9 months and 17 days; Sarah Ann Vance, third wife, departed this life June 4, 1876, age 51 years, 2 months and 3 days.

"Children's Deaths - Henry Vance departed this life December 1853; Sarah Vance departed this life November, 1854; Susan Emily Vance departed this life June 28, 1860; Tercy Ann Vance departed this life Sept. 11, 1860; Pleasant Polk Jone (Jones) departed this life June 1st 1879.

"P. P. Jones and Tabitha A. Vance was married Oct. 13th 1871; W. B. Bowles and Helen Vance was married Jan. 29, 1863; Richard James Harrison and Helen M. Bowles was married Sept. 7, 1876; R. J. Harrison born July 23, 1845; Helen M. Harrison, born Sept. 4, 1843, died Dec. 23, 1890."

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The following information was extracted from that submitted by Dale Jennings from Bruce Brandenburg's rootsweb information.

ID: 1537091670 THOMAS VANCE

Birth: 1782, Kentucky

Death: 28 Feb. 1859, Kaufman Co., Texas

Married: Abt 1810 in Kentucky or Illinois to Rebecca Mount, b. 1794 in Maryland.

Children: Charles King Soloman Vance, b. abt. 1823 in Illinois

Fountain Jordan Vance, b. 1826 in Missouri

James George Washington Vance, b. 5 March 1829 in Washington Co., Missouri

John U. Vance

Father: PATRICK VANCE

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**BIOGRAPHY:** Thomas Vance and his family came to Collin Co., Texas in 1845. The 1850 census, the only one in which Thomas is listed, gives his birth year as 1782 and that he was born in Kentucky. Thomas was a carpenter. In 1850 his son and his wife, Fountain and Pernina Vance, were living in the house with Thomas. In adjacent houses were Charles King Solomon Vance, John Vance, and James Vance. James Vance married Mary E. (Polly) Beverly, the sister of Pernina. "King" Vance was killed near the end of the Civil War.

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ID: 1537091672 CHARLES KING SOLOMAN VANCE Nickname: "King"

Birth: Abt 1823 in Illinois

Death: Abt 14 July 1863 in Donaldson, Ascension Parish, Louisiana

Married: Abt 1842 in Greene, Illinois to Sarah Carrico

Children: H. M. Vance, b. 1842 in Illinois

William D. Vance, b. 26 October 1843

James F. Vance, b. Abt 1845

C. E. Vance, b. 1847 in Texas

C. D. S. Vance, b. Abt 1848

R. J. Vance, b. Abt 1849

Father: Thomas Vance, b. 1782 in Kentucky

Mother: Rebecca Mount, b. 1794 in Maryland

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ID: 1537091674 FOUNTAIN JORDAN VANCE

Nickname: "Fount"

Birth: 1826 in Missouri

Death: 19 May 1886 in Plano, Collin Co., Texas

Marriage 1: 13 September 1870 in Plano, Texas to Louisa Carpenter Beverly

Children: Lottie Vance, b. 1872

James Fountain Vance, b. 29 July 1873

Lucy Bradley Vance, b. 1876

Edward Foreman Vance, b. 1877

Sue Baker Vance, b. 1879

Marriage 2: 21 September 1848 in Plano, Texas to Louisa Pernina Beverly, b. Nov 1830 in Tennessee. Note: Pernina's sister Mary married Fountain's brother James.

Children: Leonaidas Stoner Vance, b. 20 July 1849

Mary Alice Vance, b. 1855 in Plano, Texas

S. B. Vance, b. August 1859 in Plano, Texas

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Infant Vance  
Infant Vance  
Minta Lorena Vance, b. 18 January 1862 in Plano, Texas  
Fannie Jordan Vance, b. 28 October 1864 in Plano, Texas  
William Vance, b. 1870

Father: Thomas Vance, b. 1782 in Kentucky  
Mother: Rebecca Mount, b. 1794 in Maryland

**BIOGRAPHY:** When "Fount" came to Collin County, he took up 320 acres of land southeast of Plano. He was a member of the Methodist Church and a charter member of the Masonic Lodge. In 1846 he was on the Muster roll of Captain Andrew Stapp's Company, Mounted Volunteers, called Texas Rangers by people in Collin Co. He was subject to duty in war with Mexico. He was elected County Surveyor November 4, 1850, County Treasurer August 2, 1852 and served as Chief Justice (County Judge) 1864-1868. He was the only surveyor in the county in his day. He was a private in the Confederate Army in the Civil War. In August 1864, he owned one slave. His father-in-law, William Beverly had four slaves.

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ID: 1537093742 JAMES GEORGE WASHINGTON VANCE  
Birth: 5 March 1829 in Washington Co., Missouri  
Death: 5 September 1883 in Baylor Co., Texas

Married: 25 January 1849 in Collin Co., Texas to Mary E. (Polly) Beverly, b. 1833/1834 in Tennessee. Collin County marriage license listed James George Vance as G. W. Vance. Mary (Polly) was the sister of Pernina Beverly who married Fountain Vance.

Children: Mary Vance, b. 1849  
Josephine Vance, b. 26 August 1854  
Bellzary E. Vance, b. 24 August 1856  
Laura Panina Vance, b. 30 September 1859  
Jeff Davis Vance, b. 14 August 1862  
Mattie Vance, b. 12 August 1863  
Louise B. Vance, b. 25 March 1865  
William P. Vance, b. 31 March 1867  
Rebecca Lee Vance, b. 1 November 1869  
James Fountain Vance, b. 5 June 1871 in Upshur Co., Texas  
Maggie Rene Vance, b. 6 December 1875

Father: Thomas Vance, b. 1782 in Kentucky  
Mother: Rebecca Mount, b. 1794 in Maryland

**BIOGRAPHY:** James began military service circa 1846 at Mexico. Served in the Mexican War

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in the company commanded by Captains Kinzy and Witt and also in Col. Jack Hay's Regiment of the Texas Rangers in June, 1847 and was discharged at Vera Cruz.

He was listed on 4 December 1850 Collin County, Texas census.

(From History of Collin County, TX, Courtesy of Harold Vance) - He began his military service from 31 December 1861 to 28 February 1862 at Collin County, TX.

Muster Roll of Captain A. J. Hardin Company (A) of the 6th Regiment of Texas Calvary. J. G. Vance listed as 2nd Lieutenant. Referred to as "Major" Vance and as being "in the service of his country" in his son's obituary.

From Mexican Service Record: He got sick during the war, and thieves stole his carbine and Colt repeating pistol while he was recuperating in the hospital at Jalapa, Mexico. His horse was valued at \$100.

According to a Family History fact sheet provided by a child of Rebecca and David Thomas, J. G. Vance was noted as a very prosperous man, provided well for his family and they hired colored cooks and for other help around the farm. He was a charter member of the Plano Texas Lodge No. 235. Affiliated 1858, Re-Affiliated, 8 February 1863, Demitted, 4 July 1868.

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## OBITUARIES

Brigadier General (Ret) Hilton R. "Jack" Vance, United States Army, died August 4, 2004 at his home in Jackson, Mississippi. He was 83. He was born in Granada March 13, 1921 and, after graduating from high school, moved to the United States. A long and distinguished military career followed. He married Ruby Florine Shannon and they had one son, David Hilton Vance. Jack was a strong supporter of the VFA and attended the San Antonio meeting. He is the first cousin of Kathleen Corley Mason

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We were very saddened to hear of the passing of our dear Cissy Vance in Scotland (several pictures of her appeared in the last newsletter). Following is a copy of a letter of condolence sent to her family from Sam Vance.

"...Dear "Cousins:"

I received word of Cissy's passing, on June 8, from the President of the Vance Family Association, by way of the letter Lindsay recently sent to Julie Perry, the Secretary of the VFA. Please accept my heartfelt sympathy and condolences. My wife and I participated in the 1990, 1994, and 2000 VFA Tours of Scotland, and I planned and led the latter two trips. I considered meeting and visiting with Cissy, and, indeed, traveling with her, to be the highlight of each trip. She was a remarkable and talented person who made all of us feel welcome. It was a joy to talk with her and to hear her recite her poetry and her comments on Scottish life and life in general. I can only hope that her passing was without pain or discomfort. She will be sorely missed, but fondly remembered, by her friends and acquaintances all over the world!

Sincerely yours,

Samuel L. Vance"



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Abstract of Early of Frederick County Virginia Records, Compiled by John Davis. Vance, Davis, Colville, Marquis, Wilson and allied lines. Over 240 pages, incl. 80 page index.

Available free for viewing or downloading at the VFA Website - <http://homepages.rootsweb.com/~rtr89/Vance/>

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## *The Vance Family Association*

**GOAL:** To research and record the origins of the Vance Family.

**PURPOSE:** Collect and share literary, historical, and genealogical records and relics relating to the Vance families. To preserve this collection in an established Vance Family archive.

**THE VFA** is non-profit, non-political, non-discriminatory and non-sectarian. Members receive quarterly newsletters, which include articles by the Association Historians, selected summarized pedigrees, queries and research items of interest from other members.

**ORGANIZED:** August of 1984

New members are encouraged to submit pedigree charts of their Vance lines. The VFA will provide pedigree sheets and assistance in completion.

National biannual meetings are held to elect officers, conduct necessary business and allow members to meet in person.

You are cordially invited to join the VANCE FAMILY ASSOCIATION. The growth of the VFA is dependent on member participation, so we sincerely hope you will consider joining us in this endeavor to share research information and to promote the proud heritage of our Vance name.

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Editor's Note: To better facilitate the composing and mailing of the newsletters, we have made a little change.  
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NOTE: For those who may be new to the VFA and/or genealogy, a little explanation of our connection to the places mentioned in this newsletter.

Whithorn, Wigton, and Wigtown are in the Galloway area where the Vans and Vaux families lived, were quite prominent and deeply religious. They came in 1384 and soon spread throughout the area. At Whithorn and other Priors (churches) there were a number of Vaus who were Priors (priests). Mary Queen of Scots called on Sir Patrick Vans many times. When her son, James, became king and wanted to get married, Sir Patrick was sent to Denmark to find a suitable bride for the King. He was also appointed to be on the Privy Counsel (court) at Edinburgh. Eventually Sir Patrick decided to leave the Catholic religion and chose to marry and have a family. He then became Pastor at Wigton.

## *President's Letter*

Dear Friends;

Please sit back and relax as you absorb the words and pictures in this issue of your newsletter. It will bring back fond memories, especially, to the early VFA members. We are thankful for the past and present labors of Kathleen Mason, who has made this possible. She and our Editor, Linda Garman, are working together to give us some valuable history of the Vances. May we all get pleasure and benefit from these newsletters.

I joined the VFA in 1995 and now realize that 20 years is a long time. I am glad that my cousin, Liz, talked me into joining. I'm now benefiting from the work of the past and present members of the association. May we continue on for another 20 years. Thanks to everyone who works for the future of the VFA.

Thanks to Bill Huss and Linda Garman who went to Cross Creek, PA. for the 225th anniversary celebration of the Presbyterian Church in June. When the founding families were recognized, they represented the Vances and the Pattersons.

Charles Vance

## COVER STORY

### 600<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF VANS OF BARNBARROCH CELEBRATED AUGUST 4, 1984

In August 4, 1984, at the invitation of Patrick Alexander Vans, 22<sup>nd</sup> Laird of Barnbarroch, Vances from Australia, New Zealand, Isle of Man, Jersey, England, Scotland, and the United States joined to celebrate the 600<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of John Vaux of the House of Dirleton, settling in the Galloway area of Scotland.

Prefatory remarks by Kathleen Mason.

"As fond memories of this trip flood my mind, it hardly seems possible it was 20 years ago! I have pulled some photos from my scrapbook so we may all take a short armchair tour. We will all be grateful that Alex Vans planned this event. This issue will only include Galloway area. Part 2 of this trip will be in the next issue.

Special guests were Sir Crispin Agnew and his mother from Edinburgh and two Vans Agnew sisters from York, England."

The following is a transcription from the booklet given to those present.

ADDRESS OF WELCOME on the occasion of the celebrations at Barnbarroch of the 600<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of the Vance (otherwise Vans and Vans Agnew) family in 1384 A. D. by John Vaus, 1<sup>st</sup> of Barnbarroch: given by Patrick Alexander Vans of Barnbarroch, 22<sup>nd</sup> of the line:

"Ladies and Gentlemen – or rather all the Vance kith and kin, friends, neighbours gathered together here today: I give you a most warm and hearty welcome to this 600<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration of the founding of the Vance family. It was in 1384 (or as some sources have it, 'about 1384') that John Vaus, a cadet of the house of Vaus or Vaux of Dirleton, set himself up at Barnbarroch, some say by marrying an heiress, but I think it was because the Vauses were at that time supporters of and connected by marriage with the powerful branch of the Douglas family who became Lords of Galloway at that period. There is evidence that a certain Andrew Vaux of Galloway was killed at the battle of Poitiers in 1356 fighting for the French against the English (you must remember how different European history was then from what it is now), fighting at the side of Archibald Douglas, later Lord of Galloway. It is not surprising then if the Douglasses rewarded the Vaus family with land in the shape of the Barnbarroch estate.

The Vaus or earlier Vaux family had been Lords of Dirleton for about 200 years before that (where they built a castle which some of you have probably been to see and others will see on this trip). It is a magnificent structure even now, ruined as it is, though a good deal of what you see is later than the Vaux building phases. I want to say just a word about this phraseology

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'Lord of.' Dirleton was a barony i.e. a good-sized estate held direct by a so-called tenant-in-chief from the Crown. This makes the holder a feudal baron. But in Scotland at any rate this did not mean that the holder of the land was a Lord in the sense of being Lord so-and-so. The Vauses then were Lords *of* Dirleton not Lords Dirleton. Only after a Vaus heiress had married a Halyburton, and thus the Vaus family connection with Dirleton had been broken in the male line, did one of the Halyburtons become Lord Dirleton by being summoned to the Scots Parliament as such. So – there is no dormant title, Lord Dirleton, just waiting for some Vance to make good his claim – I thought you might like to know that! Had there been, I can assure you my 19<sup>th</sup> century direct ancestors would have spent what little money they had fighting lawsuits to establish their claim!

Before Dirleton the de Vaux had spent about 100 years in England after the conquest of England by William the First, the Norman Duke. Two of them are listed both among the companions of William the Conqueror on the stone tablet set up at Dives in Normandy to commemorate the setting out of the expedition to invade England, *and* in Domesday Book (at least with the same Christian names, one being a unique name not found anywhere else that I have come across), Domesday Book being Williams' catalogue of all the land-holdings in England – whom the land used to be held by before the Conquest and who held it in 1086. The two de Vaux were NOT tenants in chief but held subtenancies of lands mainly held by a certain Roger Bigod. This Roger Bigod held big tracts of land in Norfolk, Suffolk and Essex all in Eastern England, and some of us are going on there in a few days to see if we can find traces on the ground of our ancestors' land holdings. Roger Bigod was holder of estates in Normandy before 1066.

There is a small place called Vaux outside Bayeux in Normandy which is presumably the original fief held by our Norman ancestors (if indeed they were Normans and not one of the many other French speaking peoples who lived in France in those days). I have not been able to confirm that there was indeed a family taking its surname from their feudal tenancy of this Norman village of Vaux, and that members of this family existed in 1066 AD (the Norman Conquest) and were the same as the Robert and Aitard de Vaux shown on the tablet at Dives and in Domesday Book 20 years later. However, I do not intend unduly to distress myself with doubts on the matter. So far as I, and any reasonable person can tell, the De Vaux or Vaux or Vaus or Vans or Vance family came from Normandy to England, from England to Scotland (Dirleton), from Dirleton to Barnbarroch: - and then in a further dissemination in the 17<sup>th</sup> century there took place perhaps the most significant migration of all, when members of the Barnbarroch family went to Ulster (i.e. more or less what we now call Northern Ireland), where they multiplied rapidly; and within a couple of generations or so had begun to emigrate to America (that was BEFORE it was called the USA – it is an anachronism to refer to America as the USA during the first ¾ of the 18<sup>th</sup> century), and later to Canada and in some numbers to Australia in the 19<sup>th</sup> century.

Talking of multiplying – there is a story which seems to have good evidence for it, that the son of one of the original emigrants to Ulster (the Rev. John Vans's son, or rather one of them) had himself, no less than 10 sons all of whom, incidentally, fought for the Protestant cause in the

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troubles around 1688/89 in Ireland. No wonder there are now a good many Vances in Northern Ireland even after all the emigration to America. As for the USA, I am very glad and proud to say that there are thousands and thousands with the name Vance and of course thousands more who are as much Vances as any Vance here by descent but do not have the surname on account of the male-dominated sexist way in which the surname system works in our countries.

That very briefly is how we come to be here today. I leave you to ponder where we would all be if one of the links in the genealogical chain that connects us with those distant Norman ancestors had been broken or never forged!

What good does it do us all now being members of this great old family (I think it's a great family anyway, and it is certainly old)? Should we feel proud or just a bit embarrassed? It is certainly hardly in line with modern ideas and customs to spend a lot of time remarking on one's family connections for the sake of the honour and respect these might be supposed to bring on one.

Well, I will say straight out that I am indeed proud to be standing here today as the 22nd Vans of Barnbarroch and de facto Head of the Family (I say de facto because we have a member here of the Court of Lord Lyon King of Arms in Edinburgh—Sir Crispin Agnew of Lochnaw—and as it is Lord Lyon who decides all manner of questions on the headship of Scottish families, and as I have not yet submitted a claim in those precise terms to be recognised as Chief of the Vance family, I must speak carefully in his presence.)

It is a fact that in all my researches and those of many other genealogists, there has not been discovered a single dishonourable person or deed in the Vance family tree and history. No doubt there have been shady things and shady people involved—but their nature and identity is not revealed in the sources known to me. On the contrary, for many generations the Vaus family, up till the mid-16th century, were often the King's servants in the sense of holding responsible official positions, and after that many, many have been soldiers, Indian Civil Servants and so on. There is a strong thread of service to the State running through the family in Scotland and afterwards in Britain. Nor have the American Vances been less inclined to serve their country and State as many, many have been officers, in the Revolution and in later armed forces, lawyers, diplomats, politicians (and honest ones too, from all accounts), some holding high office.

So—no one need feel embarrassed at being proud to belong to the Vance family. I believe (and I am speaking very seriously now and especially to the younger ones here who have most of their life ahead of them and may sometimes wonder what standards one is meant to maintain nowadays when everything is changing so quickly) - I believe that any institution, even an old one and an old-fashioned one like pride in one's family, that can be used as a source of personal strength and inspiration and as a link and recall mechanism to remind us of the best of the older days and the achievements of our ancestors—is a good thing, yes, a very good thing, which we ought to cherish and nourish and allow to influence our lives for the better.

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There, I've said my serious piece. It is truly marvelous to see you all here today, and I hope you will find it a very enjoyable and inspiring experience and one to treasure in the memory. There is nothing particularly formal planned for the rest of the day (though there is a fixed programme). I thought the best way to approach these celebrations was as a day which we could all enjoy without standing too much on ceremony. So—I hope you will all have a great deal of fun.

But first—there are a couple more speeches and toasts to come, and then we can partake of the excellent lunch which has been prepared for us.

Speaking of the lunch, I would, just before stepping down, like to thank, on behalf of all of us, everyone here and not here who has contributed a great deal of organisation and work into making this celebration a success; in particular...

And now I will ask a representative of the American Vances here today to propose the toast of the guests, and afterwards I will ask one of the guests to respond. Now I really will stop, but not before proposing my own toast—Ladies and Gentlemen, I ask you to drink to the Vance family—and may it flourish in an evermore prosperous and peaceable world for at least another 600 years!"

*John Alexander Vance of Barbours*

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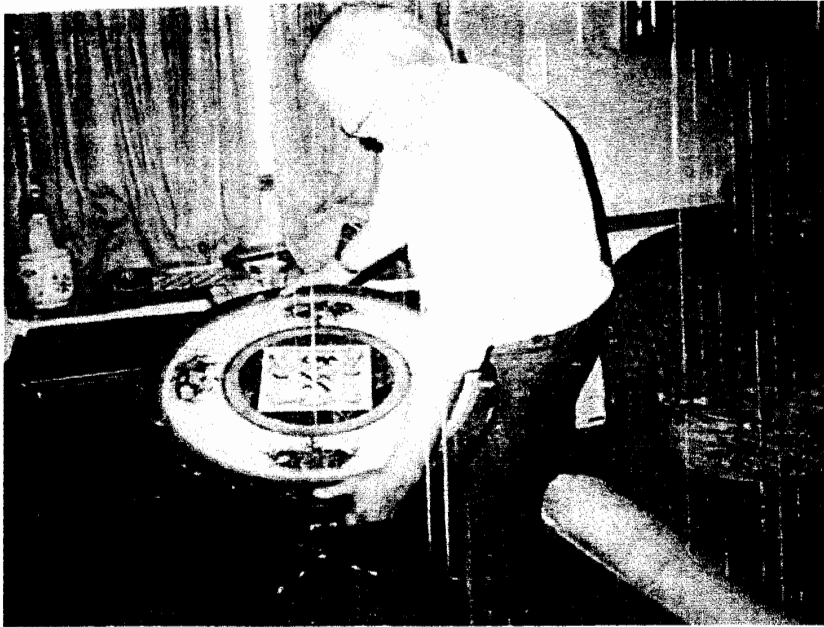


Photo 1: Alec Vans holding  
16th Century marble top  
table with Van's Coat of Arms  
Made in Italy



Photo 2: Alec Van's Coat of Arms  
photo Lord Lyon's office,  
Edinburgh

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Bambarroch Reunion  
August 4, 1984



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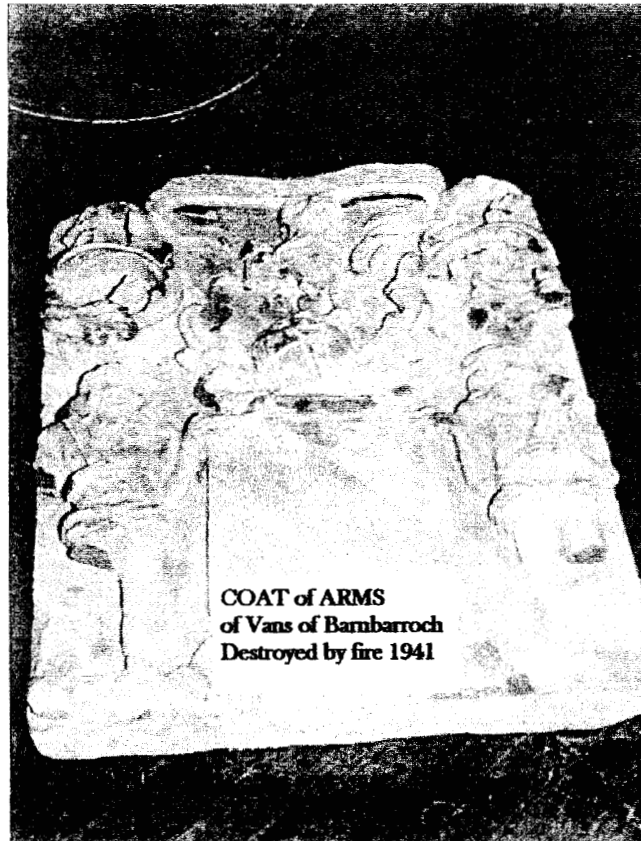


Photo 1: Coat of Arms in  
Newton Stewart Museum

Photo 2: Old Coat of Arms  
In Woods behind ruins of  
Barnbarroch  
Photo by: Robert G. Vance



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Sir Crispin Agnew in kilt,  
and his mother, from  
Edinburgh



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Photo 1:  
Helen Miller,  
Vance Smith,  
B&B Hostess,  
Ann & Tommy Vance



Photo 2:  
Marilyn Muller,  
Vance Smith,  
Josephine Vance,  
Helen Miller



Photo 3:  
Horance Vance,  
Vance Smith,  
Kathleen Mason,  
B&B Guest

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Photo 1: Alan Vance, wife & children,  
Kathleen Neill, Tour Leader,  
Richard Vance



Photo 2: Vance Smith &  
Richard Vance. Both served  
as VFA President.



Photo 3: Scotland  
Vances with our  
Richard Vance.

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Photo 1:  
Lindsey & Robert Vance,  
twin sons of Sissy Vance of  
Whithorn



Photo 2:  
Alan Vance (son  
of Sissy) and his  
Uncle.



Photo 3: USA Vances

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Photo 1: American Group



Photo 2:  
Kathleen Neill,  
Vance Smith,  
Kathleen Mason



Photo 3: Scotland Vances

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Photo 1:  
Vances at Banquet at  
Newton Stewart



Photo 2:  
Vance Smith  
Jamie Vans & wife Valerie,  
Sissy Vance,  
Kathleen Mason



Photo 3:  
Bill Huss of MA,  
Lee Vance of CA,  
Ted Mecum of MD.  
All descendants of  
Maj. William Vance.  
(1718-1788)

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Photo 1:  
Valerie Vans,  
Sissy Vance,  
Kathleen Mason,  
Jamie Vans



Photo 2:  
Mary Ewart,  
Alec Vans,  
Marilyn Muller,  
James Ewart



Photo 3:  
Vances from England



Photo 1: Wigton Church

Photo 2:  
Burial Vaults at  
Wigton

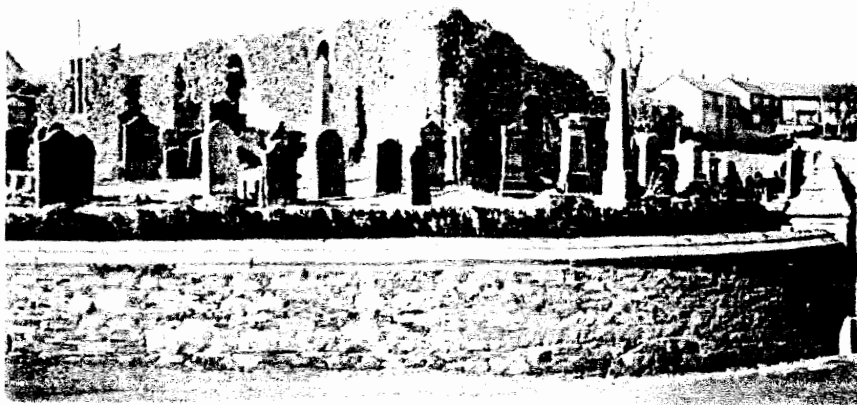


Photo 3:  
Alec Vans pointing to  
Vans Coat of Arms at  
Sir Patrick Vans Burial  
Vault





In Kirkinner Church Cemetery.  
Vans Crypt.  
Front Coat of Arms Vans/Agnew.



Side Coat of Arms  
Vaus/Shaw/McDonald

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Photo 1:  
Sissy Vance holding  
Barnbarroch Farm Ledger

Photo 2:  
Sissy Vance serving tea in  
her flower garden.



Photo 3:  
Enjoying tea time.

## WIGTOWN DISTRICT

Apart from the encircling rampart of hills along its northern and eastern boundaries, Wigtown District is mostly low-lying country with a magnificent 100 mile coast-line. For most of those 100 miles there are quiet roads past sandy beaches and over rocky headlands which make motoring such a pleasant experience for those who find their way to The Quiet Country.

Before we go any further let's have a quick look at these byways by the seaside. Towards the eastern boundary, between Gatehouse and Creetown, you look across the shimmering waters of Wigtown Bay towards Wigtown and the Machars coast.

We then move inland a little to pass through (or by pass) Newton Stewart and Wigtown, then back to the sea at Garlieston and the isle of Whithorn. Then we are looking down on the fine stretch of sandy beach at Monreith followed by miles of seaside driving through Port William and on to Glenluce.

Holding left a mile or so before Dunragit we skirt an extensive area of sand dunes before arriving at another inviting beach at Sandhead and are beside the sea again for the run-in to Drummore. Quiet country roads take us to another popular beach at Port Logan—famous for its fish pond and gardens—then inland again and over to the delightful seaside village of Portpatrick and by little frequented byways to the coast of Kirkcolm, Corsewall lighthouse and Wig Bay to Stranraer.

Finally, there is the scenic coast road up the east shore of Loch Ryan past Cairnryan and Glenapp into neighbouring Carrick.

What else does the District offer? If you have an eye for scenery then make Newton Stewart your centre and take the road past Murray's Monument to New Galloway, part of which incidentally, is now known as the Queen's Way in recognition of the royal silver jubilee. A particularly attractive picnic spot is beside the Grey Mare's Tail at the foot of the monument erected to the memory of Alexander Murray, the local shepherd boy who with little or no formal education, became Professor of Oriental Languages at Edinburgh University and the greatest philologist of his day.

Immediately beyond the monument is the wild goat park and then we arrive at Clatteringshaws where the Black Water of Dee is released from the reservoir to continue its journey to the Solway. Here too, is the start of the Raiders' Road, a 10-mile forest drive along the course of the Dee which offers in concentrated form all that is best in Galloway scenery.

A few hundred yards past Clatteringshaws dam are the deer museum and the Raploch Moss Bruce Stone in its forest setting, both well worth a visit.

Finally, we arrive at New Galloway which still clings to title of the smallest Royal Burgh in Scotland.

From New Galloway the A762 will take you past Kenmure Castle, once the seat of the Gordon family, and along the west bank of Loch Ken to Laurieston with its memorial to S. R. Crockett, the Galloway novelist. Turn right at the end of the village and you are on another quiet, scenic road which will take you into Gatehouse and the A75 for Newton Stewart.

Equally impressive is the A714 from Newton Stewart, along the west bank of the River Cree. Turn right at Bargrennan for Loch Trool in its spectacular mountain setting and carry on to the Bruce Stone which stands guard over the loch below. It was here, on the lower slopes of Mulldonach on the other side of the loch, that **Robert the Bruce** routed a superior force of his enemies at a crucial time in his long campaign against English domination.

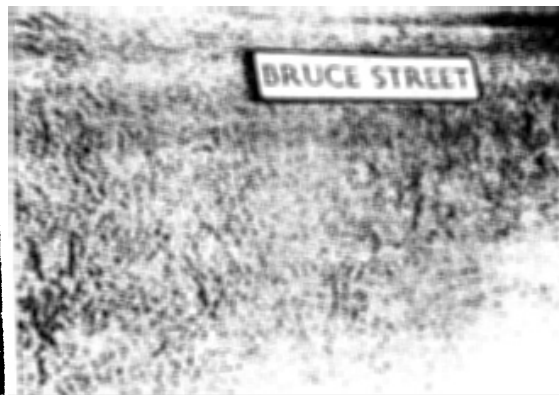
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Caldons caravan and camping site is at the lower end of the loch and nearby are more martyrs' graves to remind us of this savage chapter in Scottish history.

Seven miles south of Newton Stewart is the former county town of Wigtown which is probably unique in that it has its bowling green and public gardens in the middle of its main street. Here we have yet another reminder of The Killing Times in the form of a railed, horizontal headstone commemorating the deaths of two Wigtown women—63 year old Margaret McLachlan and 18 year old Margaret Wilson—who were drowned at the stake for refusing to betray their religious beliefs.



Whithorn





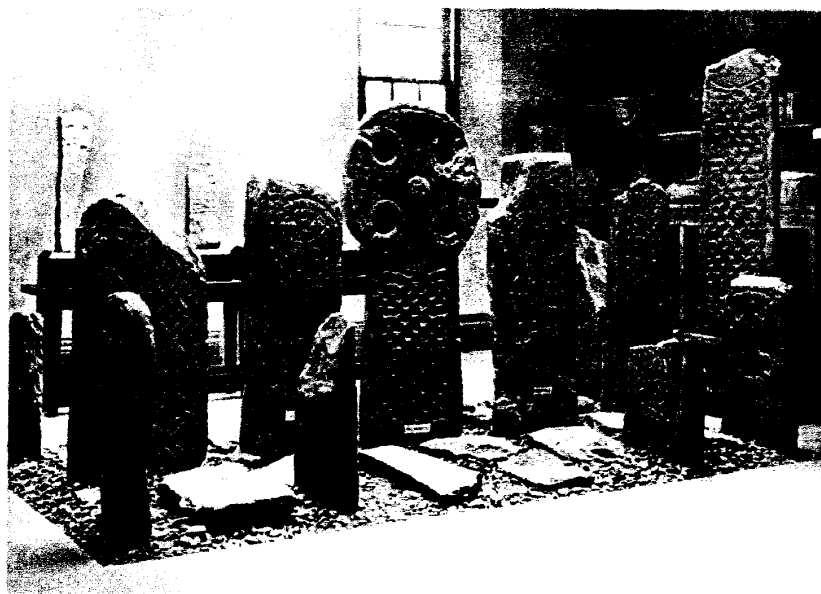
Above: WHITHORN  
Below: WHITHORN—The Priory



**WHITHORN PRIORY**

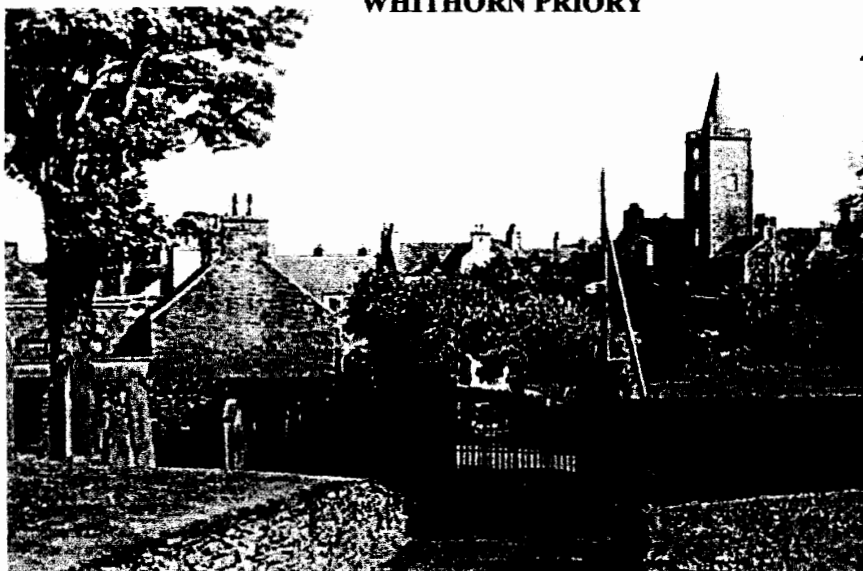


Whithorn - The Priory



Old Stones Museum,  
Whithorn

**WHITHORN PRIORY**



**WHITHORN—View from St. Ninian's Church**



**Vaus Coat of Arms left of door, Whithorn Priory**





Photo 1:  
Door on old Priory with Coat  
of Arms top left side.

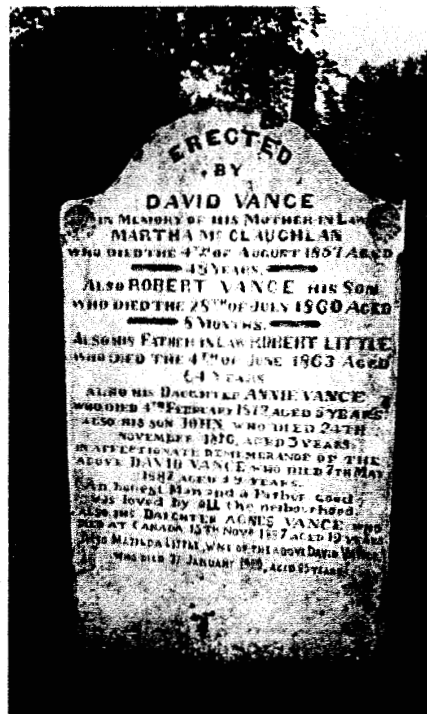


Photo 2: Tombstone at Whithorn.  
Inscription reads: "Erected by  
David Vance in memory of his  
mother-in-law MARTHA  
MCCLAUCHLAN who died the  
4th of August 1857 aged 48 years.  
Also ROBERT VANCE his son  
who died the 28th of July 1860  
aged 8 months. Also his father-in-  
law ROBERT LITTLE who died  
the 4th of June 1863 aged 64 years.  
Also his daughter ANNIE VANCE  
who died 4th February 1872, aged 5  
years. Also his son JOHN, who  
died 24th November 1816, aged 3  
years. In affectionate remembrance  
of the above DAVID VANCE who  
died 7th May 1887, aged 49 years.  
An honest man and a father good,  
was loved by all the neighbourhood.  
Also his daughter AGNES VANCE  
who died at Canada 15th November  
1887, aged 19 years. Also  
MATILDA LITTLE, wife of the  
above DAVID VANCE who died  
27 January 1929, aged 85 years."

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR! PLAN AHEAD! DON'T MISS IT!**  
**THE VANCE FAMILY "REUNION!"**

**ST. LOUIS, MO**  
**OCTOBER 13-16, 2005**

Call it a reunion, a conference, a meeting; call it what you will—just BE THERE! Rooms have been reserved for us at the Drury Plaza Hotel, on the waterfront, just across the street from the world famous St. Louis Arch! And at only \$99.00 a night, including a hot buffet breakfast, it's a real bargain (The regular rate is \$150.00/night)! The Drury is a restored International Fur Trading Company warehouse, at one time the largest fur company in the world! You have a whole year to plan and save your pennies and it will be well worth it! More information in future newsletters.

**BITS AND PIECES**

**AN ACT OF KINDNESS**

After reading about the trees growing within the walls of Barnbarroch, Vance Miller took his Easter holiday to go over and cut them down. I'm sure all of us express our appreciation for this selfless, thoughtful act. Bless you, Vance Miller!

**A MYSTERY SOLVED**

From Vance Woodward, our Treasurer... "A few years ago, my wife and I took a "Nostalgia Tour" back to my home state of Indiana. Part of that trip was to locate my Uncle Frank Vance's grave; all I knew was that he was buried in a national cemetery in the New Albany area. We eventually located both the cemetery and his grave. We used the cemetery's alphabetical directory to locate his grave and were mystified by all the other Vances on the list. They did not appear to be from my Vance family and we could not come up with any connection to my uncle.

Now, thanks to the article in the last newsletter about Morgan Vance and the cemetery, the mystery is solved. Apparently, my uncle's burial with all those other Vances is pure coincidence.

My uncle was Captain Frank H. Vance. He was a half-track commander in WWII and was killed March 25, 1943 at the battle of Maknassy in North Africa. He was buried there and later re-interred at New Albany on July 6, 1946."

**OBITUARY**

Paul D. Vance, Bangor, Maine, died June 20, 2004. Descendent of Abner Vance. Information reported by his son.

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## *The Vance Family Association*

**GOAL:** To research and record the origins of the Vance Family.

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NOTE FROM THE EDITOR: We are thrilled at the information that was sent in for the newsletter! PLEASE, KEEP IT COMING!

In order to keep printing and postage costs down we must limit the number of pages, so there are several articles sent that will not appear in this edition. Be assured we will save them for a future newsletter. However, these few will not make a whole newsletter. Please continue to send your information.

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Our next newsletter is the 20TH ANNIVERSARY EDITION! DON'T MISS IT!



### COVER STORY

#### **Rachel Vance Scott (1816-1880)**

Submitted by Bill Huss, VFA Past President

Rachel Vance was the daughter of Hon. William Vance who served in the Pennsylvania legislature beginning in 1816 and was a cousin of Governor Joseph C. Vance of Ohio. Rachel Vance is the granddaughter of Col. Joseph Vance who fought in the Revolutionary War (on the DAR Patriots List) and served in both the Pennsylvania senate and assembly. Her half-brother, Thomas Patterson Vance served in the U.S. Congress. Rachel Vance grew up in Cross Creek Pennsylvania and is buried in the Cross Creek Presbyterian Church cemetery (visited by the VFA as part of the Pittsburgh Meeting in 1993). In 1837, she married Josiah Scott (1813-1891) who is the son of Samuel Scott (1785-1819) a veteran of the War of 1812 and Brigadier General in the Pennsylvania Militia. Rachel Vance Scott's daughter, Ella Scott (1848-1925), moved to Harrison County Ohio and married John Quincy Law in 1877. The Law Farm, constructed in the 1840's, remains in my family and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

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### QUERY

I am looking for info on **JOHN HILL VANCE** in Shelby County Indiana. He is the son of **BENJAMIN F.** from Winston Salem, North Carolina.

Joanne Nie  
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### REUNION

My name is Thomas Anthony (Tony) Vance. I am descended from Patrick and Elizabeth Vance through John and Lydia, Lewis Armstrong and Jane Stanforth, Daniel Rees and Katy Donohue, Edgar Franklyn and Mary Long, Ralph Earl and Edith Staud Vance. Ralph and Edith had 7 children, 2 girls, 5 boys. Four of those boys served in the military: Daniel L. Vance, Army, Ralph Earl (Pete) Vance, Jr., Army, David Rees Vance, Navy, and myself, Msgr Thomas A. (Tony) Vance, USAF, Ret.

I am Chaplin of VFW Post 3205 in Alexandria, KY. We throw a Memorial Day Parade every year and this year they have agreed to name my three brothers and our uncle who served in WWII as honored guests. Uncle Moe (Adolph Thomas Ottiger) was the husband of Ralph's sister, Margaret Rose Vance Ottiger. I wrote about her in a previous issue of the newsletter.

The parade is Sunday, May 30, 2004. Lucky, because when I first asked Moe to march he said he would but only on the *real* Memorial Day, the 30th, which it is. Since everyone agreed to participate I decided to throw a pre-parade dinner Saturday the 29th at 2:00 P.M. Moe is 84 and an afternoon reunion will give him time to rest before the parade.

All Ralph and Edith's children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren will be there; about 38 children, cousins, etc.

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**LETTER FROM A CONCERNED "UNCLE"**

Submitted by Dale Jennings

James and Paulina Gilmer of Bossier Parish, Louisiana, dissolved their marriage of more than ten years in early 1856. Each had lost their first spouse and had entered their second marriage quite wealthy. Their accumulated wealth in slaves, plantations, and other assets now probably represented the greatest concentration of wealth in northwest Louisiana. They chose three mutual friends to arbitrate a difficult property settlement – one of whom was Doctor James Washington Vance, a forty-eight year-old bachelor and planter of considerable wealth himself. Gilmer also appointed his old friend "Wash" Vance as executor of his will and administrator of his estate. He gave his son-in-law Samuel Whitfield Vance (Wash's nephew) power-of-attorney to act in his behalf and departed for Cuba where he intended to buy tobacco and sugar plantations. Soon after his arrival, he contracted yellow fever and died on August 8, 1856.

James Gilmer left three daughters; Mary, married to Doctor "Whitfield" Vance, and two younger unmarried girls, Mattie and Eliza. With that background, the following letter is almost self-explanatory. For generations the Gilmers had married cousins, the last being the marriage of James Gilmer to a cousin in both the Gilmer and his mother's Harvie lines. The term "pet" near the end of the letter has a definition of, "fit of peevishness, sulkiness, or anger."

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Bachelor Misery No. 2  
Feb. 27<sup>th</sup>, 1857

Dear Eliza:

I have just received by your sister Mary a letter from Mr. William H. Hull of Athens, Ga., and on the same sheet a few lines from you, in which you both express an earnest desire for my consent to a matrimonial alliance between you.

Now I must confess that I feel somewhat flattered by being thus consulted on so grave a subject for the first time in my life. It is one too on which your future happiness or misery must mainly depend, and to some extent my own also, for to see you unfortunately or unhappily married would be to me a matter of the deepest regret – for you must know, Eliza, that save your dear departed Father, no one has ever felt a deeper interest in your welfare than myself and on his account, no less than on your own, I earnestly desire when you take this all important step, you may divest yourself of all visionary fancy, and think seriously and soberly on the magnitude and importance of the end you desire to consummate – remember that when the knot is once tied, and the net drawn around you, whether it be for weal or for woe, for good or for evil, there are no honorable means of extricating yourself from its meshes – and even if this

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were, it would be at the expense of your happiness for life – it is an act when repented of too late can never be amended.

Your father was ever a brother, yes even more than a brother to me, his friendship was disinterested and sincere. There was no favor I could not ask, but was readily granted, and that too, with that noble generosity that none but himself ever possessed and in the language of Mr. Philips in his speech on the character of Napoleon Bonaparte, I might truly say that “he never forsook a friend or forgot a favor” – and to feel an indifference therefore, in the welfare of his children would be the worst of ingratitude on my part.

Now, I am much older than yourself, and my feelings and affections are not engaged as yours are, in the matter under consideration, and consequently, I may claim to be better able to judge of the suitability of an alliance of this kind than yourself.

I had the pleasure of meeting with and making the acquaintance of Mr. Hull at your father’s house in 1843, when you were but a child four years of age, and his head was then whiter by far than mine is now, but justice and truth require me to say that I found him a gentlemanly, social and pleasant companion, but with equal candor, I am constrained to say that I was not favorably impressed with the stability of his habits.

The truth is, Eliza, the disparity of your ages is too great, apart from every other consideration – reflect that when you are but in the bloom of life, he must be a superannuated old man – reflect also that he is but little younger than your own father in years, and much older in appearance. But apart from all this, there is another important, and in my estimation insurmountable objection to this connection, and that is the relationship between you. You must know that your family has already intermarried too far, and although no apparent bad consequences have resulted from it as yet, it is time to stop it, as your own good sense will tell you, as well as that of any of your reflecting relations or friends.

I could offer I think, other objections equally valid, if I could see and converse with you on the subject – but my dear, Eliza, to sum up the whole, and close the special pleadings in the case, without further suggestions, you must allow me to say, that I would consider this arrangement extremely improper, on account of the relationship and disparity in ages, if no other objection could be made. I know if your Father were alive he never would consent to this union, and as the responsibility is now thrown on my shoulders, I must enter my protest also.

Now, Eliza, do not fly in a pet and throw this letter down, but consider well of its contents, and do not charge me with being arbitrary or unkind, be assured that all I say on this subject comes from the earnest conviction of my mind. I am sorry to mar your happiness by this objection, but I have no alternative left me. Come home with your Grandma, for I would like to see and talk to you in person.

Your devoted friend,  
J. W. Vance

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P.S. Please inform Mr. Hull of my objection.

(Eliza accepted the advice of her "Uncle" Wash. She married Mr. Rufus Y. Graves on April 29, 1858, and they named their only son Washington Vance Graves.)

James Washington Vance was second great granduncle of VFA member Larri Jennings of Bossier Parish, LA.

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In September 2003 we received a letter from the **Priory at Lanercost** which may be of interest our members...

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12th September 2003

I fear my letter may now arrive too late for your meeting in Salt Lake City and for this I apologise.

Here at Lanercost many visitors continue to visit our ancient Priory. Last May the newest long-distance footpath in the UK opened; this follows the route of Hadrian's Wall—the Roman frontier which was begun in 122 A.D. It runs immediately to the north of the Priory and used to be the boundary of the medieval Priory's lands. Since opening we have seen many more walkers at the Priory, quite a few from overseas.

This year the Lanercost Priory Community Partnership has been planning the restoration and development of the Dacre Hall, the former residence of the Dacre family\* after the Dissolution of the Monasteries in 1536. This building, on the western side of the cloister is in need of a lot of repairs and, at the same time, we plan to completely remodel the ground floor (largely early 20th century toilets, etc.) to provide much needed modern facilities within the ancient fabric. An application for major funding has been sent in to our Heritage Lottery Fund, and we now await their decision early in the new year.

Our Church Committee also has plans to improve facilities inside the church itself and to repair the west front, but these are not yet so far advanced. Worship at the Priory Church continues to

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be well supported and, thanks to contributions like your own, we have so far managed to pay all our bills and the annual parish share (which largely goes towards clergy stipends, housing and pensions) of over £22,000.

Work at the Vicarage was completed last October and the new (old-looking) roof is now in excellent condition.

In 2006 we commemorate the time King Edward I stayed at Lanercost for nearly six months in 1306/07. We have asked if our present Queen, as a descendant of Edward, might visit Lanercost for a special church service in the Priory. We are waiting to hear if this is possible.

Once again, many thanks for your support. Please give the greetings of all of us at Lanercost to your members.

Yours sincerely,

Chris Morris

\*The Vaux or deVaux family were the first grantees of the Barony of Gilesland. Naworth Castle, near Carlisle in the Cumberland district of England, was the seat of Gilesland during the time of the Dacre family. A Vaux heiress, Maude (or Matilda) married Thomas Multon, and the Multons then took over the Vaux properties, as there was no male Vaux descendant. The Multons subsequently "daughters out" also, and Margaret Multon married Ranulph deDacre, First Lord Dacre. Some generations later, the Dacres also "daughters out," and Elizabeth Dacre, one of three co-heiresses of the last direct Lord Dacre, married Lord William Howard, son of the Fourth Duke of Norfolk, and ancestor of the Howards who still own Naworth Castle and hold the title of Earl of Carlisle. The gatehouse of Naworth Castle bears the arms of Dacre quartering Vaux, Multon, and Morville. (Submitted by Sam Vance)

For more information refer to The Vance Family Newsletters Vol. 2 No. 2, pg. 14; and Vol. 6, No. 2, pgs. 61-68.

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**JOSEPH VANCE**  
**OHIO GOVERNOR 1836-1838**

From the Ohio Historical Society. Submitted by Bill Huss, VFA Past President

In 1836 Robert Lucas was succeeded as governor of Ohio by Joseph Vance, who became the state's thirteenth executive. Vance was born in Catfish, now Washington, Pennsylvania, on March 21, 1786. His father, Joseph C. Vance, a Virginian whose Scotch-Irish forebears had emigrated to Virginia long before the Revolutionary War, had fought during the war under General Daniel Morgan, married in 1781, and not long after started West, dwelling for a time at several places along the way. About 1801 he moved into Ohio from May's Lick, Kentucky, finally settling on a farm two and a half miles north of Urbana.

Under pioneer conditions the son Joseph had very little opportunity for an education, a lack which he felt keenly throughout his career. As a boy of fifteen he proved his resourcefulness and courage by saving money from his wages as a wood cutter at the May's Lick salt works, buying a team of oxen, and peddling salt to the wilderness settlements. In 1805 he moved to Urbana with his father, who laid out the town that year, and two years later married Miss Mary Lemen of Urbana. After his father's death in 1809 he took possession of the family farm, which became his home for the rest of his life.

Vance's first public office was that of secretary of the board of county commissioners, which paid a salary of forty dollars a year. At the age of twenty-three he organized an independent rifle company and was elected its captain. During the War of 1812 his company became part of the state militia, and thereafter Vance rose progressively from captain, major, and colonel to brigadier general.

Vance's qualities for leadership were soon evident to the voters of Champaign County, and in 1812 they elected him to the lower house of the eleventh general assembly. He was reelected to the twelfth, fourteenth, and eighteenth assemblies (1813-14, 1815-16, and 1819-20). In his first term he voted regularly for measures in support of the war. In the crucial bank question he supported the United States Bank against the state of Ohio.

In the fall of 1820 Vance was elected for the first of seven consecutive terms in the lower house of congress (1821-35). His chief interest in his legislative career was that of internal improvements in the West. He actively supported bills for the extension and repair of the Cumberland Road, for a road from the lower rapids of the Maumee to the western border of the Western Reserve, and for numerous canal projects. In 1824 he won his third term by an overwhelming vote of 4,342 to 16 for his opponent. From then on into the thirties he rarely had an opposing candidate in his district.

In his third term he was made chairman of the committee on military affairs and chairman of the board of visitors of the Military Academy at West Point. He also was instrumental in securing the passage of bills for granting subsidies to the Ohio and the Miami canals. Active in the antislavery movement in these years, Vance allied himself with John Quincy Adams in

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opposing the so-called Gag Resolution and in advocating the right of petition. He was defeated for reelection in 1834 in a close race with Samuel Mason.

In 1836 Vance accepted the nomination for governor and was elected in the first Whig victory in the state. As governor, Vance gave substantial support to the public school system, advocating that federal surplus funds be used for the schools, and he urged the completion of the canals then under construction. He favored the recharter of the United States Bank, and he urged the abolition of capital punishment. Governor Vance was a forceful and capable executive, but he lost his popularity with the antislavery people of the state by the extradition of John B. Mahan, wanted in Kentucky for aiding the escape of two slaves. This action probably contributed more than any other one cause to his defeat for reelection in 1838, when he lost to the Democratic candidate, Wilson Shannon.

During Vance's administration there occurred an abortive rebellion in Canada in which a number of Ohioans, gathered in so-called Hunters' or Patriots' Lodges, attempted to take part. Though severely critical of their actions, Vance did not believe that he had any authority to interfere, though he promised the secretary of state and the army commander at Detroit to do all in his power to prevent the removal of arms belonging to the state militia.

Vance refused to be a candidate for governor in 1840, but his plans for retirement were upset by his reelection to the state senate from the tenth district for the 1839-41 sessions. Here he headed the committee on banking and currency. Two laws close to Vance's heart, providing increased support for schools and additional funds for canal construction, were passed during these sessions.

In 1842 the former governor was nominated on the Whig ticket for congressman from the tenth district and won over Samuel Mason, by whom he had been defeated eight years previously. He remained in Washington for two terms (1843-47) and was one of the most active members of the house of representatives. For three years chairman of the committee on claims, he was a strong advocate of governmental economy. He objected to the annexation of Texas and bitterly opposed the Mexican War as a war of aggression.

At the end of his second term he retired to his farm. Although he did not hold regular office again, he served as a delegate to the national Whig convention in Philadelphia in 1848 and as a representative of his district to the Ohio Constitutional Convention of 1850-51. He took a leading part in the debates and was chairman of the committee on public institutions. On his way home from attending sessions of the convention in Cincinnati in December 1850, he suffered a stroke of paralysis and was forced to give up his duties. He died at his home near Urbana on August 24, 1852.

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### A Tale of Determination, with a Cautionary Note Added

By: Samuel L. Vance, Past Pres.

March 8, 2004

On December 15, 1862, a deed was recorded in the Floyd County, Indiana, deed records, transferring title of some 5.46 acres of land outside New Albany, from Charles Bowman and wife to the United States Government, for the purpose of establishing a National Cemetery for the burial of Union soldiers killed in the Civil War. On June 8, 1871, my great-grandfather, Morgan Brown Vance, died suddenly at his home in New Albany. His widow, Susan Preston Thompson Vance petitioned the government to have his remains buried in the New Albany National Cemetery, along with the remains of some eight young children. She later had her mother, a son and a daughter, and subsequently, herself, buried in the plot that was authorized for that purpose. Morgan Brown Vance was never enlisted in the official ranks of the US Army or of any other branch of the federal military service, so his burial in a National Cemetery was unusual to say the least. In 1995, I started trying to find out what service my great-grandfather had performed for the federal government that resulted in his being buried there.

In 1986, the Floyd County Historical Society published an article by Mr. and Mrs. John A. Cody, Jr., of New Albany, relating the history of the New Albany National Cemetery, and refuting a rumor that had somehow credited Morgan Brown Vance for the land the cemetery was built on. How that rumor got started will be explained later in this article. I was sent a copy of the Codys' article, along with copies of other related documents, by The Department of Veterans Affairs, at the Zachary Taylor National Cemetery, in Louisville, Kentucky, which now has responsibility over the New Albany National Cemetery. I recently obtained permission to reprint the Cody article from David C. Barksdale, the current President of the Floyd County Historical Society, and have retyped it to improve the clarity and quality of the copy. A few minor corrections were made to correct some, but not all, typos and/or grammar.

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Floyd County Historical Society

November 25, 1986

### A RETURN TO THE NEW ALBANY NATIONAL CEMETERY

This return is to dispel a legend and to clear up some mysteries found in the history of the New Albany National Cemetery.

But first, something of that history from its beginning to the present.

In 1861, many large battles of the Civil War were fought in this section of the country bordering the Ohio River, and as a consequence because of New Albany's dockage facilities, many wounded were transported by boat to New Albany where school buildings had been turned into hospitals. Drs. Sloan, Alexander, and Bowman attended them and the ladies of the Union Aid Society acted as nurses.

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In 1862, the W. S. Government decided to establish a government hospital in New Albany, but instead of purchasing a building, it rented several schools and other buildings, bringing in Dr. Thomas Fry, formerly a brigade surgeon under General Lew Wallace, to supervise the hospitals.

The need for Cemeteries in which to bury the Civil War Union dead became so apparent that Congress provided that seven National Cemeteries be established to meet this need, and New Albany was one of them. On December 15, 1862, the W.S. Government bought the present site of the New Albany National Cemetery.

Dr. Crosier, of Dr. Fry's hospital staff, designed the plan of the Cemetery and it was approved by the Government.

The dead began to be buried there, but the site was so desolate Dr. Fry urged the citizens to furnish trees, evergreens and flowers to beautify the place.

By 1867, the war was over and between four and five hundred dead had been buried there. The grounds were still in deplorable condition and steps were taken to have the Cemetery placed under the supervision of the War Department and receive congressional appropriations for its upkeep. The title to the property was examined, found to be good, and the Cemetery was on its way to becoming what it is today. New Albany's own Michael Kerr, our Congressman, was instrumental in seeing this accomplished.

At one time there was talk of selling off a part of the land, it would probably never be needed. By this time, several thousand bodies had been reinterred in the cemetery, being brought in from temporary burying grounds from all over a large part of the north and west. It was good the plan fell through - - look how many wars the country has been involved in since then.

Much of the original layout is still there. The stone wall enclosing the cemetery was built in 1868. The gate and stone pillars holding it are still there. The flag staff is in the same circle designated for it. The two cannons, one on each side of the center circle, placed in a vertical position pointing upward, symbolic of peace, were erected in 1869. In 1882, a rostrum was dedicated, and although the newspaper in 1931 stated a new rostrum would be built, the present one, when compared with a picture of the original, appears substantially the same. Perhaps only repairs and minor changes were made. A caretaker's house, with mansard roof, was erected in 1871, and stood until around 1940, when another took its place.

National Cemeteries were under the care of the Quartermaster Division of the Army, and General James Ekin, of the Jeffersonville Quartermaster Depot, had charge of the New Albany National Cemetery from the 1870's until well into the 1880's. Poplar Street was renamed Ekin Avenue in 1896.

On May 5, 1868, General John A. Logan, Commander-in chief of the Grand Army of the Republic (GAR), the organization made up of veterans who fought for the Union,

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designated May 30 as Decoration Day, obligating every GAR post and comrades to hold appropriate services. New York, in 1873, was the first to declare the day a legal holiday, and by 1880, every northern state had followed suit -- Indiana in 1889.

Decoration Day was a day of solemn dedication to the memory of the fallen Civil War Union soldiers in the 1870's, 80's and 90's. The preparations were elaborate, flags and banners decorated the cemetery as well as business houses and homes. Ladies were appointed in each city ward to make evergreen wreaths and to gather flowers for the decoration of graves. Spectators lined the streets to watch the marching veterans, city officials, dignitaries, plus bands as they paraded from Pearl Street to the Cemetery. General Lew Wallace, Benjamin Harrison, and Indiana Governor Albert Porter were among the principal speakers, as were local clergymen noted for their oratory -- The Rev. Clokey of First Presbyterian, and the Rev. Glerlow of St. Paul's Episcopal. Local attorneys also had their day -- Alexander Dowling, Charles Jewett, George Hester.

In the early days the local post of the GAR, and the post in Jeffersonville had charge of the rituals during the ceremonies joined later by veterans of the Spanish American War. Thousands were on hand for services in the Cemetery.

Attendance dwindled in the early 1900's, but after World War I, patriotism surged anew. Veterans from three wars were now in the parade, joined at Spring and Vincennes by hundreds of school children, marching to the beat set by the High School Band. And who can forget the National Championship American Legion Drum and Bugle Corps under the direction of Addison Rue. For many years when World War I, World War II, and Korean War veterans were laid to rest in the National Cemetery, Mr. Rue would be on hand to sound taps. He kept his uniform and his trumpet in his office at the Mutual Trust Bank, always on the ready when called upon at the last minute.

Until 1889, Government and City and County offices would close during the afternoon services, but as time went on, it being a legal holiday and all, Decoration, or Memorial Day took a more festive atmosphere. Almost everything closed down and the day became less patriotic and was devoted to more leisure activities. Today, ceremonies at the Cemetery are very simple, with arrangements and rituals performed by the American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars. The parade begins at Vincennes and Ekin, with a Color Guard, a few marching Veterans, Ladies of the Auxiliaries, a few Scouts, and no band. Attendance by the public numbers a scant two hundred. What a shame! So few!

The Cemetery was closed in 1960 for interments, except for the spaces reserved for wives of veterans already buried there. In 1962, the centennial of the Cemetery, the total number of interments consisted of 4,959, of which 4,272 were known, 684 unknown, and 3 British soldiers buried in a group. These are the veterans of the Civil War, Spanish American War, Two World Wars, and the Korean War.

In 1977, the Veterans Administration eliminated the office of a superintendent at the New Albany National Cemetery, and it is now taken care of by the Superintendent of the

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Zachary Taylor National Cemetery in Louisville.

National Cemeteries in 1973 were placed under the jurisdiction of the Veteran's Administration, instead of the Quartermaster Division of the War Department. It does not provide funds for the purchase of adjacent land to enlarge a cemetery. If, however, a citizen with land adjacent to a cemetery wishes to donate that land, the Veteran's Administration will accept it and take over its maintenance. Or, if Veterans' organizations make arrangements for adjacent land to be given it will be accepted. To establish a new National Cemetery with government funds, takes an act of Congress.

So in 1985, in order to gain more grave space in the New Albany National Cemetery, the Veterans Administration ordered the vacant superintendent's house torn down, the avenues torn up, leaving only a single walkway down the center, and the rostrum demolished. Some citizens protested the razing of the rostrum and work was stopped, leaving half the roof intact. However, I have been informed by Mr. Peak, superintendent at Zachary Taylor, that word has been received to restore the rostrum.

In October, 1985, the cemetery was reopened for interment, with the addition of 752 gravesites made possible by the elimination of the house and avenues.

So much for history -- now for dispelling a legend and clearing up some mysteries.

John Cody has attended Memorial Day Services for over fifty years, and I with him since we were married.

The 1960 Memorial Day program included a paragraph or two about the Cemetery -- when it was established, 1862, noting the various wars whose veterans were buried there, etc.

However, in 1961, something new was added -- stating the land for the Cemetery was donated by Dr. Morgan Vance, with a provision that his family plot be maintained. This statement did not sound right to John so he went to the public records in the County Recorder's Office and found that the United States Government purchased from Dr. Charles Bowman and his wife, a 5.4 acre tract of land for \$955.50. This tract bordered 371 feet on Poplar Street (now Ekin) and extended back 674 feet to Beeler Street, the present site of the National Cemetery. There was no record of any land being transferred to the Government by Morgan Vance.

The following year, 1962, the centennial of the establishment of the Cemetery, John was on the program to give a short history of the Cemetery. He included in his remarks the court records that denied the assertion that a Dr. Morgan Vance had donated the land.

However, this discovery was ignored to this date, 1986, for twenty-five years, this legend still appears in each program. And what is more, it is on our Historical Society's marker in front of the Cemetery, erected May 30, 1973! -- And it states the land was purchased from Dr. Morgan and family! (Programs have used 6.12 acres and 6.31 acres)

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There are no records in the Cemetery of how, or by whom, this erroneous legend was started. However, there is a sheet of paper on file containing directives from the Secretary of War and the Quartermaster General of the United States concerning the burial of Morgan Vance, not Dr., and his family, listing the names and date of burial --all had been reinterred. Did someone assume these burials had a connection with the establishment of the Cemetery since Morgan Vance was the first buried in the plot, 1872, just ten years after that establishment?

Since the public records show the United States Government bought the land, and from Dr. Charles Bowman, we were determined to find out just who was this Morgan Vance. The Cemetery record states Vance was reinterred from the New Albany City Cemetery so I went to the obituary file in the Library History Room and found this notice in the Daily Ledger, dated June 8, 1871:

"Mr. Morgan Vance died very suddenly this morning at his residence, the Lent place on Beeler Street. Mr. Vance had been indisposed from indigestion for two or three days past, but was about, as usual yesterday. This forenoon, feeling unwell, he lay down and was soon afterward discovered a corpse. The cause of his death is a mystery. Deceased came to this city from Mercer County, Kentucky about two years ago and has a large family. Two of his sons are attending Greencastle University, and his smaller children attend Morse Academy, this city."

The following day, June 9, the death notice stated Morgan Vance died in the 68th year of his age, and "The funeral will take place from his late residence at 10:00 o'clock. The friends and acquaintances of the family are respectfully invited to attend without further notice."

The Cemetery papers states, he was reinterred May, 1872, from the New Albany City Cemetery, but Fairview has no record of his having been buried there! The Louisville Daily Commercial of June 9, carried in its New Albany News the notice of his death. Neither paper gave the place of burial. So where was his body during the interim? I don't know.

The mystery continues. Why was this Morgan Vance, formerly of Mercer County, Kentucky, who lived in New Albany only two years, a private citizen, buried in a National Cemetery, reserved for Veterans of the United States Armed Services? Where to find out except in the National Archives in Washington, D. C. John and I obtained copies of copious letters and directives, and from these, plus information from Mercer County, Kentucky, histories in the Filson Club in Louisville, we have put together a fascinating story.

Susan Preston Vance, widow of Morgan Vance, was a very determined and persistent woman, with friends in high positions of the United States Government. Within a few days after her husband's death, she wrote a letter from New Albany to Judge Ballard in Louisville.

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"Judge Ballard,

Dear Sir,

The reverence and faith in you taught me by my husband, and my own desolation must be my excuse for an appeal to your kindness. For the sake of my children I ask you to write for me an obituary notice of their father, Morgan Vance. I feel that in the intercourse of years of trial you knew him as he was. You know how his name has been asperged, and the reason therefor, and at your hands, I desire this act of kindness with a feeling too deep for words. The second request is for aid and/or advice on how to obtain from the government of the United States the privilege of burying my husband in some one of the National Cemeteries. Our children are buried at our former desolated home in Mercer County where we cannot see them. The small portion of fortune left my husband at the close of the war has been so involved in law suits growing out of his loyalty to his government that he never had the means of buying a spot for their graves, and when after years of delays and disappointments and struggle to give food to his family, his strength failed and the strained heart broke. Freely he gave all he was, and had, to his country, and asked nothing -- but justice. I cannot buy a grave for him and would ask it only from that government for whose integrity he gave as much as any soldier who died in battle -- you know this. I feel no humiliation in asking this, for apart from my husband's claims to this mark of honor, and my own right, will, I am sure, be freely vouched for by officers and soldiers from Kentucky and Tennessee. General Fry and Col. Landrum will feel that it would be fitting that the graves of Morgan Vance and his wife and children should be under the protection of that flag he loved and taught them to love so well. I am ignorant of the proper means to attend this end and appeal to you to direct me for the sake of regard held toward you by my martyred husband.

Signed Susan Preston Vance"

Judge Ballard did write an obituary -- it appeared in the Louisville Daily Commercial, June 17, 1871. And he sent her letter to the Hon. B. H. Bristow, Solicitor General of the U. S. Justice Department, who also was from Louisville.

Mr. Bristow had received the following from Congressman J. H. Goodloe of Louisville:

"Hon. B. H. Bristow  
Washington City

My Dear Bristow:

I know no man in this wide world when heart, would be more deeply

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touched by the enclosed letter, than yours, or who would feel more pleasure in aiding and advising the writer in reference to the attainment of her wishes than yourself. You knew Morgan Vance well and of his devotion to the Union. Mrs. Vance does not, in my opinion, say one word about her husband that is not exactly just, true, and deserved. Her own unqualified loyalty was as conspicuous and distinguished and costly as that of her husband. I know not if her wishes can be accomplished. I wish they could be. If you can furnish any information on the subject, or promote the earnest desire of her heart, I am sure you do so. Mrs. Vance would regard herself and her children greatly honored at having her husband's dust reposing under our country's flag -- I know it would be a great honor to be so interred and guarded -- I should ask no greater, could receive no greater honor. Such a distinction would fill the measure of ambition of this desolate widow.

Most truly your friend

Mark Goodloe"

Solicitor General Bristow sent the following to the Secretary of War:

"Hon. W. W. Belknap  
Secretary of War

Dear Sir:

I take the liberty of handing you herewith a letter from Mrs. Vance to Judge Ballard asking him how she can obtain the privilege of interring the remains of her late husband in one of the National Cemeteries. I hand you also a letter from the Hon. J. H. Goodloe of Louisville, Kentucky, enclosing Mrs. Vance's letter to me. Having known Mr. Vance well, I have pleasure in asking your compliance with his widow's request. He was an earnest and devoted friend of the Government and although not an enlisted soldier he gave all his energies to it, and sacrificed home, fortunes and friends in his effort to aid in the suppression of the rebellion. I leave the city for Louisville this afternoon and would be glad to bear the intelligence to Mrs. Vance that her late husband's remains may be interred in the Cemetery of that city. A letter directed to me at Louisville any time this week will reach me.

Very truly,

B. H. Bristow"

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On June 3, 1871, the following went out from the War Department:

"War Department  
Washington City

QuarterMaster General  
U.S.A.  
Washington, D. C.

General,

The Secretary of War wishes you to direct the Quartermaster in Louisville, Kentucky to allow the remains of Mr. Morgan Vance to be interred in the Government Lot in Cave Hill Cemetery near that city. Enclosed herewith is a letter from Mrs. Vance to Judge Ballard and one of Judge B. to Hon. B. H. Bristow, also from the latter to the Secretary of War transmitting the other two. He also wishes this matter to be attended to at once and a copy of the order sent to the Hon. B. H. Bristow, Louisville, Kentucky.

Very respectfully  
Your obedient servant

Oscar A. Mack"

Mr. Bristow received a copy of the directive to Major A. R. Eddy, Chief Quartermaster of the Department of the South at Louisville, Kentucky allowing Vance's remains to be so interred. He was to notify Mrs. Vance her request had been granted. All in two weeks time!

From the books on Mercer County, Kentucky history, and from Judge Ballard's Obituary notice, we gleaned some of the circumstances leading up to her request.

Morgan Vance was a wealthy Tennessee planter, son of a prominent family. He married Susan Preston Thompson, daughter of a prominent Mercer County, Kentucky family in 1845. They moved to Mercer County prior to the outbreak of the Civil War. Although Kentucky did not secede, the people of the state were divided in their loyalties, and Mercer County was in the section of the state with southern sympathies. Morgan Vance was appointed Captain of two regiments of the Home Guard, the outfits which were to protect the countryside from inroads by the Rebels. His patriotism and devotion to his country lost him the friendship of most of his relatives who were strong sympathizers with the rebellion. As a result, he was constantly harassed and in 1862, while away, his home and all the outbuildings were burned to the ground. At one time, he was horsewhipped and onlookers just walked away and left him. After these atrocities against him, he moved to Lexington then Frankfort (both Kentucky) where he was appointed U. S. Circuit Court Commissioner. His duties involved him in war connected law

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suits where his investigations brought him into conflict with those who did not appreciate his devotion to the Union, and he continued to suffer the attacks on his character. He finally moved to New Albany, Indiana, in 1868, having sacrificed his and his wife's fortune to the Union cause.

In April of 1872, a year after Morgan's death, Susan Preston Vance was again writing letters, as is noted in this letter.

"WAR DEPARTMENT  
Washington City

April 22, 1872

Hon. James B. Beck  
House of Representatives

Sir:

The letter of Mrs. Susan P. Vance, dated New Albany, Indiana, April 8th, 1872, requesting permission to bury her husband and children in a separate lot in the National Cemetery in New Albany, and referred by you to the Hon. Secretary of War, has been duly considered and I am instructed to inform you that the Quartermaster General has this day been directed to grant her request.

It is, however, proper to add that the title to the lot, the use of which is thus granted to Mrs. Vance, remains in the United States as a matter of course.

I am Sir,

Very respectfully,  
Your Obt. Servt.

Oscar A. Mack  
Major & Bvt. Col. USA"

Susan was notified by the Quartermaster at Jeffersonville that the Superintendent at New Albany National Cemetery would set aside a suitable lot of convenient size. So Morgan's remains were buried there the following month, May 12, 1872. Although permission had been granted to bury him in Cave Hill in July, 1871, records of the War Department disclose he was never buried there.

Mrs. Vance and her children remained in New Albany, according to the City Directories, perhaps through 1881. I assume, from further developments, she moved to Louisville.

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In July, 1883, Mrs. Sarah Hart Thompson, mother of Susan was reinterred in the Vance lot. And, in 1901, 8 children were reinterred, all in one grave. Of the 8, six were Vance children, 2 were Thompson children, no doubt a brother and sister of Susan. All had died at a very young age. In 1904, a Dr. Howard Vance was reinterred in the fourth grave. I do not know his connection with the family.

In 1905, Susan was at it again, this time writing direct to the Secretary of War.

"Louisville, Ky.  
July 29, 1905

The Hon. Secretary of War  
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

In April, 1872, my request for permission to inter my husband and children in a separate lot in the National Cemetery at New Albany, Indiana, was granted by The Hon. Secretary of War, and a lot isolated from other graves was set apart for my use in the north corner of section "A" and designated as Lot No. 1. At first the size of the lot was not fixed, but in August, 1883, General James A. Ekin, Asst. Quartermaster General, in a letter to my son, Burton Vance, stated that the dimensions of the lot would be 10 x 15 feet. My husband, Morgan Vance was interred in this lot in 1872, and by special permission of the Hon. Secretary of War, my mother was also buried there in 1884, and subsequently two of my children have been laid beside their father. Thus four of my children are interred in the lot and it is my earnest desire to find a resting place there for myself and remaining three children, but the present very limited capacity of the lot renders the accomplishment of this wish impossible. As stated, the lot is situated in an isolated part of the cemetery and its enlargement would in no way interfere with the purposes of the cemetery, the space immediately east and south of it being unused for burial purposes. For these reasons, I respectfully request that the lot set apart for my use be increased to a square of twenty feet. I enclose for your information copies of the letters I have relating to the original grant to me.

Believe me, Sir,

Very respectfully,  
Susan Preston Vance"

Her son, Burton Vance, a Louisville Attorney, gets into the act with this letter,

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written the same day, to the Hon. John W. Yerkes, Commissioner of the Internal Revenue, Washington, D. C.:

"My dear Mr. Yerkes,

The enclosed letter to the Secretary of War from my mother, Mrs. Susan Preston Vance, is self explanatory. I take the liberty of sending it to you with the request that you present it to the Secretary of War with your endorsement and do what you can to have the request granted promptly. Mother is now 83 years old and is naturally concerned about this matter and if it can be settled at once, it will be a great gratification to her and consequently, to me. Being a Boyle County man, you are no doubt familiar with the history of my father, Morgan Vance, during the War, and will readily understand why the original privilege was granted to his widow and children. Thanking you in advance for your kindness in the matter believe me always sincerely your friend.

Burton Vance"

Some months later, Justice John Marshall Harlan of the United States Supreme Court sent a letter to the Hon. William Howard Taft, Secretary of War.

"Washington, D. C.  
November 15, 1905

Dear Mr. Secretary:

There lived in Kentucky, in my early boyhood, a gentleman by the name of Thompson, a well educated farmer and an accomplished gentleman. He had a farm known as the "Shawnee Spring Farm", near Harrodsburg, Kentucky. He was a large slaveholder. One of his daughters, Susan Preston Thompson, married Morgan Vance. He was also a slaveholder, but at the beginning of the Civil War he took a bold stand for the preservation of the Union. By his stalwart Unionism and outspoken ways he gave offense to many who sought the destruction of the Union. He was not of such a temperment as to become a soldier in the regular forces of the Union, but as a citizen and as officer of Home Guards he did all that was in his power to encourage the Union men of Kentucky. He remained steadfast to the Union cause up to the end of the war. He raised quite a family of children by his marriage with Miss Thompson. He died about 1870, having lost most of his estate as well as most of the property inherited by his wife from her father. They became so poor by the time he died, or shortly afterwards, that she was compelled to do her own housework. I often saw her pushing the baby carriage along the streets of Louisville,

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being too poor to employ a nurse for her child. In 1871, when they were practically refugees in Indiana, by the assistance of General Bristow and Senator Beck, she secured a grant from the Secretary of War of a small lot (10 x 15 feet) in the National Cemetery in New Albany, Indiana, as a burial place for her family. Her husband as well as her mother and children are buried there. But there is not enough ground in the lot for her. Some weeks ago her son, Mr. Burton Vance, a member of the Louisville Bar, sent to Mr. Yerkes a petition addressed to the Secretary of War asking for an increase in the size of the above lot -- making it 20 x 20. Mr. Yerkes will, no doubt, send it to you, and I write this to express my sympathy with her and my hope that the application will be granted if it be possible to do so. The old lady, now in her 84th year, writes me from an Infirmary in Louisville. She says that she is homeless and helpless and that her last hours will be made less sad if her wishes are gratified in this matter. I beg that you will help her. If you can do so, let her have the use of a little more ground. It would add greatly to her comfort of mind to know that her remains could be placed beside those of her husband and children. When I knew her, many years ago, she was regarded as a woman of rare intellectual attainments. She was tenderly raised, was well educated and her family occupied a high social position. I heard my father say that she was the ablest woman he had ever met, and that she would have made an excellent lawyer if she had been educated for that profession.

Respectfully yours,  
John Marshall Harlan"

One month later, the Secretary of War sent the following to Justice Harlan:

"War Department  
Washington

December 16, 1905

Dear Mr. Justice:

In reply to your letter of November 15th on behalf of Mrs. Morgan Vance, who desires the enlargement of a lot assigned to her late husband in the National Cemetery at New Albany, Indiana, I hand you herewith copy of a report in the case which I have received from the Quartermaster General. I have placed the following indorsement upon the papers:

"I do not approve of this application or the granting of it as a precedent. The circumstances are such, however, that I am willing to allow the lot to

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be enlarged so as to permit the interment of the applicant, Mrs. Vance; but this upon the express condition that nobody else shall be interred in that lot, and unless this condition is accepted I cannot have the lot enlarged.'

Very respectfully,

W. H. Taft  
Secretary of War"

During the interim between July and November, 1905, the Secretary of War had been requesting and receiving information concerning the burial lot, granted in 1872, from various Quartermasters and Cemetery superintendents. One of these reports, by C. F. Humphrey, Quartermaster General of the United States Army, must have influenced the Secretary of War in making his decision to enlarge the lot by only two feet.

"December 14, 1905

Respectfully returned to the Secretary of War:

The Superintendent of the New Albany, Indiana, National Cemetery reports as follows: This lot is 15 x 10 feet and contains four (4) graves in which are interred the remains of eleven (11) persons. Grave 2808, Morgan Vance, interred 1872, Grave 2817, Mrs. S. S. Thompson, mother of Mrs. Vance, interred 1884; Grave 2930, two children of S. S. Thompson, and six children of Morgan Vance, Interred 1901; Grave 2952, Howard Vance, interred 1903.

In April 1872, the Secretary of War granted authority to Mrs. Vance to inter her husband and children in this lot. There is no authority on file in this office covering the interment of the remains of her mother and two of her mother's children in the lot, though Mrs. Vance states in her letter of July 29, 1905, to the Secretary of War that such permission was granted her in 1884, by the then Secretary of War. The statute confines interments in National Cemeteries to honorably discharged soldiers, sailors and marines of the United States Service, though the Secretary of War has permitted the wives of officers -- and in exceptional cases a child of an officer -- to be interred in the lot assigned to the officer. Neither the interment of Mr. Morgan Vance nor any of his family are covered by the statute, but, unless the removal of these remains is contemplated, it is recommended that this lot be enlarged to a sufficient size of permit the future interment of Mrs. Vance. If it be decided to authorize also the interment of Mrs. Vance's three children in the lot, it is requested that this office be advised so that action may be taken accordingly. If the interment of the three remaining children in this lot is authorized, it is thought that it

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might ultimately lead to a request for the interment of their wives, or husbands and children in the lot.

C. F. Humphey  
Quartermaster General, U. S. Army"

So this time Susan Preston Vance did not get her way. Three months later, on March 20, 1906, she wrote the Secretary of War, saying she accepted his decision. The letter was signed by her and her three sons, Hart Vance, Burton Vance, the Louisville lawyer, and Ap Morgan Vance, a very noted surgeon of Louisville.

The Quartermaster at Jeffersonville was instructed to inform the Superintendent at the New Albany National Cemetery of the two foot enlargement, and Mrs. Vance would be permitted to be buried in the extra grave, with this stipulation -- "Should the body of Mrs. Susan Preston Vance, widow of the last Morgan Vance, be presented at the New Albany National Cemetery for interment, it will be interred in such place as the representative of the family may select. Should she not be interred in the separate grave made by enlargement of this lot, the lot will then be reduced to its previous dimensions."

On July 16, 1915, ten years later, the cremated remains of Susan Preston Thompson Vance were interred in the same grave with her mother! Why over her mother and not over her husband? Who knows! She was 93 years old.

So now we can lay to rest the legend that Morgan Brown Vance donated the land for the New Albany National Cemetery. Our public records show the United States Government bought the site from Dr. Charles Bowman and his wife, there being no record of transfer of land by Vance to the Government, nor that he ever owned any land in New Albany during the two or three years he lived here. The National Archives do not disclose he gave the land.

As to who was Morgan Vance -- he was a private citizen, never having served in the U. S. Armed Services, but was buried in a National Cemetery along with some of his children and wife, only through the persistent efforts of that wife to persuade influential members of the U. S. Government to have two Secretaries of War grant her requests.

Thus our RETURN TO THE NEW ALBANY NATIONAL CEMETERY has ended.  
Mission accomplished.

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"Granny Vance," as my Mother called her, was indeed, persistent and strong-willed, and very conscious of her family background. Unfortunately, few of her descendants were knowledgeable of Morgan Brown Vance's trials and tribulations before, during, and after the Civil War. At least little or nothing factual got passed down to the younger generations. My Mother, the "unofficial" historian for both her and her husband's families, had lots of stories and

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family legends about both families that were very interesting and entertaining, but apparently were not based in fact! THUS THE CAUTIONARY NOTE OF THIS REPORT!

Sometime in the early 1960's, my wife and I, while visiting Mother in Louisville, visited the New Albany National Cemetery with my Mother and my Sister, Frances. Mother and my Father had been there many years before, quite possibly before WWII, and had taken photographs of the gravestones and corner marking stones in the Vance plot. The caretaker (Superintendent?) assigned to the cemetery showed us around and led us to the Vance plot. We talked among ourselves about what we knew (or thought we knew) about Morgan Brown Vance:

- 1) He and his brother, William Little Vance, married sisters, Susan Preston Thompson and Letitia Hart Thompson, respectively, daughters of George Claiborne Thompson, a wealthy plantation owner of Mercer County, Kentucky
- 2) He was the son of Samuel Vance (III) and Elizabeth Little Brown Vance. His father was a wealthy land owner and prosperous businessman in Clarksville, Tennessee
- 3) He was prosperous plantation owner, owning numerous properties in Tennessee and possibly elsewhere, before the Civil War
- 4) He and his wife, Susan, broke with brother William, and wife, Letitia, at some point, possibly over inheritances from George Claiborne Thompson, and the families didn't speak to each other until after the brothers died
- 5) My mother thought that he was a Federal Marshal during the Civil War, tasked with ensuring that riverboats carrying Federal troops and supplies up and down the Ohio and Mississippi Rivers moved safely and successfully to their destinations
- 6) He was an ardent Federalist, opposing the secession of the Southern states from the Union, resulting in his properties and possessions in Tennessee being confiscated by the state militia. He fled to Kentucky, to Harrodsburg, near his father-in-law's property, Shawnee Springs. Rebel sympathizers in the area seized his property and possessions there on numerous occasions, and burned his house down at least once.

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- 7) He moved his family to New Albany, at some point in time, to get away from his enemies in Mercer County, Kentucky
- 8) At some point in time, possibly after the Civil War, if not earlier, he freed the Negro slaves who worked his plantations, and paid the passage for a number of them to go back to Africa. These became some of the founding families of Liberia. In gratitude, they sent a number of gifts back to him, including a colorful native robe (that I now own) and other things now lost
- 9) His wife, Susan, had a falling out with her father, when a young slave girl about her own age claimed to be her sister. When confronted, father said that it might be the truth!
- 10) He might have been given the right to be buried in the National Cemetery if maybe he had donated the land that the cemetery was built on.

I now believe that the caretaker listened to our conversations and subsequently incorporated some of the "information" into the "lore" of the history of the cemetery, without substantiating the validity of it. According to Mrs. Cody's report, not only was it printed in the cemetery programs, it was also included on a cast bronze tablet that was mounted near the entrance gate to the cemetery! We had no idea that the caretaker was listening to our conversation, and certainly would not have wanted him to make any use of any part of our discussions, and now regret that the situation progressed to the point that it did!

Early in 1995, my cousin, Richard Claiborne Vance, and his wife Patsy, of St. Louis, Missouri, visited the New Albany National Cemetery and found reference to the land having been sold by Dr. Bowman to the Government. They mentioned it to me, and I started contacting every information source that I could think of to try and resolve the true history of Morgan Brown Vance and how he happened to be buried, with much of his family, in the national cemetery. My queries went to the Federal Marshal Service, Zachary Taylor National Cemetery, and to the National Archives in Washington, D. C. The Marshal Service had no record of him, nor did the Archives have any records indicating any official governmental service. The Archives did find two pages of interest in the War Department's The War of the Rebellion: A Compilation of the Official Records of the Union and Confederate Armies, a 128 -volume publication printed in Washington between 1880 and 1901. One page has a letter from a Col. Tho. E. Bramlette, Commander of Camp Anderson, Kentucky, dated September 22, 1861, to General George H. Thomas, discussing the activities of the Rebels in Kentucky and the need for additional Cavalry troops to seize enemy arms shipments. Part of the letter includes: "Some point which could be secured, and which Morgan Vance, of Harrodsburg, could designate, ought to be secured by 200 or 300 cavalry, so as to intercept arms, &c., and seize any armed traitors who may attempt to move in that direction." The other page has a letter from a Lieut. W. Nelson, U. S. N., Maysville, Ky., dated September 26, 1861, to Gen. Thomas,

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discussing procurement of mules for transportation purposes. Part of that letter includes: "I think that I wrote you that Morgan Vance, of Harrodsburg, would indicate the persons from whom the balance of the mules were to be taken." Little wonder the "Rebels" had no love for Morgan!

Mr. Gary Peak, Cemetery Director, Zachary Taylor National Cemetery, sent me copies of a number of documents that he had on file relating to the founding of the New Albany cemetery and the granting of my great-grandmother's request(s) to have her husband and other family members buried there. He also sent me a copy of Mrs. Cody's article for the Floyd County Historical Society, detailing more information about Morgan Brown Vance than anyone in my family was aware of. I subsequently called Mrs. Cody and talked to her at length about her article, about my Vance ancestors, and thanking her for adding so much to our obviously deficient knowledge about Morgan Brown Vance. To bring her up to date on the family, I then composed a lengthy letter over the time frame of July 18 - August 4, 1995, and sent it to her. I have no idea whether she put any or all in the FCHS proceedings or not. It may be the subject of a future article, after it is brought up to date.

In September of 1996, my wife and I again visited the New Albany National Cemetery, and had considerable trouble locating the Vance plot. Where there were no other graves near it in the 1960's, nearly all the space around the plot was now filled with graves of participants of the Korean War and Viet Nam. We tried to contact the Codys while there, but there was no one home at the time.

**The Cautionary Note: If you haven't verified and substantiated your family legends, don't make them public knowledge unless you flag them with doubt! You don't know who might hear or read them, or act on them without authorization!**

**COURT RECORD, SAMUEL VANCE JUNIOR**

Submitted by Carolyn Scott who discovered this gem in a box of old papers!

This Indenture made the twelfth day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and one between Samuel Vance (Junior) of Bath County and Son and Heirs and Devisee of John Vance deceased, of Back Creek of the one part, and Charles Cameron of the other part, witnesseth that the said Samuel Vance Junior for and in consideration of the sum of twenty five pounds current and lawful money of Virginia, to him in hand paid the receipt where he doth hereby acknowledge, hath bargained and sold unto the said Charles Cameron and his heirs, one certain tract or parcel of land containing fifty four acres be the same more or less and lying and being in the said County of Bath on Back Creek, a branch of Jackson River, and below the other lands of the said Samuel Vance Junior, which said lands were devised to the said Samuel Vance by his father John Vance deceased, as will more fully appear by the last will and testament of the said John Vance deceased, which stands of record in the County of Augusta. The said land having being granted to the said John Vance in consequence of a survey made the seventeenth day of April in the year 1774 and bounded as followeth to wit: Beginning at a White Oak, Dogwood, and Hickory by the creek and crossing a branch of the same south twenty five east forty six poles to two Black Oaks by the side of the Creek, thence north sixty degrees east forty two poles crossing the creek to a Poplar Elm and Sugar tree thence north ten west forty poles to two pines and a White Oak thence north eighty two degrees west two hundred and thirty two poles to a White Oak and Spanish Oak on a hillside, thence north fifty west sixty six poles to two White Oaks and two Spanish Oaks by the creek side thence south ten east twenty poles thence south forty east eight poles and thence south eighty six degrees east one hundred and seventy two poles down the creek to the beginning, together with all its appurtenances to have and to hold the said fifty four acres of land with all its appurtenances to the said Charles Cameron his heirs and assigns to the sole use and behoof of him the said Charles Cameron his heirs and assign forever and the said Samuel Vance Junior for himself and his heirs doth covenant with the said Charles Cameron and his heirs that he, the said Samuel Vance and his heirs, the said parcel of land with its appurtenances to the said Charles Cameron and his heirs against all person whatever will forever warrant and defend in writing where of the said Samuel Vance Junior hath hereunto subscribe his name and affixed his seal the day and year... above written.

Signed by Samuel Vance, Jr.

Bath County October Court 1801

This Indenture of bargain and sale from Samuel Vance, Jr. to Charles Cameron was acknowledged in court and ordered to the records.

Charles Cameron, Clerk

**MISCELLANEOUS VANCE RECORDS**  
**FROM THE HISTORY OF ROCKBRIDGE COUNTY**  
Submitted by Carolyn Scott

Marriages...

Vance, Catherine m Henry Spitzer 1793  
Elizabeth m Wm Davidson 1790  
Hugh m Sarah Law 1803  
Patrick, b 1780, son of Dr. Patrick m Kezeah Robertson.  
Mary Warwick Vance m James Slaven 1855. James, b 1820, d 1871

Deaths...

Mary Vance, wife of William Vance of Frederick County, March 23, 1791.  
William Vance, September 12, 1792 in Frederick County

Baptized a child named...

|                |          |                   |
|----------------|----------|-------------------|
| Vance, William | Moses    | October 20, 1741  |
| James          | Thomas   | January 2, 1741   |
| George         | Margaret | September 2, 1748 |
| James          | Mary     | February 25, 1749 |

Marriages of Frederick County Virginia 1771-1825

|                                     |                   |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------|
| Vance, Elizabeth and Joseph Edwards | May 23, 1787      |
| Hannah and Jacob Wolfe              | December 17, 1793 |
| Jane and John English               | November 25, 1790 |
| and John Marney                     | October 1806      |
| Ruth and Levi Cain                  | January 3, 1793   |
| John and Ruth Glass                 | October 1, 1798   |
| Robert and Mazy Beall               | October 24, 1798  |

From Daughters of the American Revolution Volumes

William Vance (1718-88) commanded a company in the early wars, gave service in the revolution. Married Sarah Colville. Removed to Pennsylvania in 1780. Born in Frederick County, Virginia. Died in Washington County, Pennsylvania

David Vance (1749-1816), a private in Capt. Robert Patterson's company of Virginia Militia, 1780. Born in Frederick County, Virginia. Died in Kentucky.

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- 10 Rev John (Vans) Vance (descendent of Robert Bruce, King of Scotland),  
m Elizabeth McDowell.
- 9 Dr. Launcelot, surgeon, Londonderry Regiment
- 8 John of Coagh m Agnes Reyney
- 7 Andrew (b County Coven, Ireland) to America circa 1700, settled at Opecquon  
Creek, Winchester, Virginia, 1735. M Elizabeth Colvin
- 6 William (1718-88) to Washington County, Pennsylvania. In Indian Wars 1742-58.  
Listed as a Captain and Major 1756. Ranger during American Revolution. M 2d  
Mary Colville
- 5 Elizabeth m circa 1765, William Marquis

Pg 642

- 6 Col William Crawford m 1750 Hannah Vance (1734-1819)
- 5 John Crawford, b 1752 to Kentucky m Frnaces Bradford
- 6 Samuel Vance (1692-1778) from North of Ireland to Winchester Virginia m Sarah  
Colville, b Ireland
- 5 Samuel, b 1750 came with parents m Margaret Laughlin
- 4 Samuel 1784-1825 Washington County, Virginia, m Elizabeth Little Brown

DAR Patriot Index

|               |                          |             |                     |        |
|---------------|--------------------------|-------------|---------------------|--------|
| Capt Vance    | Fourth Virginia Infantry |             |                     |        |
| Vance, Samuel | b 1734                   | d 1807      | m Sarah Byrd        | Col Va |
| Vance, Samuel | b 1749                   | d 12-8-1838 | m Margaret Laughlin |        |

Index , Census of Pensioners 1840

| <u>State</u> | <u>page</u> | <u>name</u>   | <u>age</u> | <u>name of head of family</u> |
|--------------|-------------|---------------|------------|-------------------------------|
| Miss         | 150         | William Vance | 84         | Peyton A. Vance               |

Records of Augusta County, Virginia

John Vance

- Bill - Handle Vance of Rockingham died in testate leaving widow Elizabeth and 5  
children—Christy Vance, John, Solomon, William and Handle Vance.  
Widow Elizabeth died 1811, about 80 years of age.  
23 July 1822 Handle died about 25 years ago.  
18 June 1782 Martha Vance as administrator of John Vance

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Court Records

|                 |                                                                                                                                                                                      |
|-----------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| August 20, 1757 | John Vance—his death abates suit                                                                                                                                                     |
| August 28, 1770 | Following no inhabitants—suits dismissed vis John Vance                                                                                                                              |
| May 21, 1782    | John Vance will partly proved                                                                                                                                                        |
| June 18, 1782   | Martha, widow of John Vance qualifies as Administrator.                                                                                                                              |
| June 19, 1793   | On motion of Charles Cameron, guardian to James Vance orphan of John Vance, deceased, John McCarty and Martha, late Martha Vance, widow of John, to be requested to settle accounts. |

John Vance under command of Capt. Patrick Martain since 2nd May

John Vance entered Aug 4, 1756. Served 36 days, dismissed 9 Sept.

May 17, 1774 Samuel Vance qualifies Lt of Militia

Sept 1796 John McCarty and Martha, late Martha Vance, admin of John Vance vs Samuel Vance

3 June 1752, John Vance sold to Ro Miller a tract of land. John Vance is dead and a certain Jacob Vance is heir at large. Jacob lives in Forks of Saluda River, S. Carolina.

Andrew Vance in 1802 was son of John

John Vance deposes 24 Aug 1810 in Washington Co. He moved to the county in 1771

John Vance deposes formerly owned land in Rockingham, had a son-in-law Henry Mayo

19 Mar 1776 Samuel Vance admin of Benj Vance

1790 Census Hampshire Co Virginia

| <u>Name</u>   | <u>white souls</u> |
|---------------|--------------------|
| Vance, Joseph | 3                  |
| Samuel        | 8                  |
| William       | 6                  |
| James David   | 7                  |

“Irish Quakers Arrivals to Pennsylvania” by Myers 922.86/1996m LDS Library

Vance, William—Goshen Monthly Meeting, Cherter Co. William Vance, wife Elizabeth dated 2 month 3, 1741 from (Orange) Meetings, near Charlemont, Ireland.

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“Annals Of Bath County Virginia” by Oren Morten

List of early marriages

|                                   |      |
|-----------------------------------|------|
| Vance, Samuel (_____)             | 1771 |
| Mary of James (William Bridger)   | 1795 |
| Rachel of Samuel (James Hamilton) | 1786 |
| Jean (Robert Marshall)            | 1792 |

“History of Hampshire County” by Maxwell & Swisher

Pg 347—The Bank of Romney which is still in operation and doing business in the building occupied by the branch of the Valley bank previous to the war, was granted its charter Sept. 3d 1888 and went into operation Jan 1, 1889. It was organized with the following board of Directors

John P. Vance, Cashier

|                             |                  |
|-----------------------------|------------------|
| Pg 277— Courts and Officers | List of Justices |
| 1824 Robert Sherrard        |                  |
| 1840 Robert Sherrard        |                  |
| 1837 William Vance          |                  |

|                             |               |
|-----------------------------|---------------|
| Pg 549— Committee of Safety | Apr 26, 1861  |
| W. A. Vance                 | R.B. Sherrard |

Pg 596— Captain Sheetz’s Company  
James H. Vance      Captured in Maryland July 9, 1865

“History of the Shenandoah Valley” by Couper, 1952

Pg 243—Deed June 25, 1742 to James Vance, 250 acres “On both sides of small meadow near Opequon Presbyterian meeting house”  
May 20, 1742 to David Vance 100 acres on both sides of Opequon Run  
May 26, 1742 to James Hoge 760 acres. This site was near and West of the present site of Kernstown and was part of Joist Hite’s grant for 3,395 acres.

“Virginia Valley Records” by Wayland

Marriages

|                                |                   |
|--------------------------------|-------------------|
| John Vance m Jane Green        | December 4, 1795  |
| William Vance m Nancy Burnside | February 4, 1807  |
| Benjamin Vance m Hannah Sites  | February 2, 1808  |
| Solomon Vance m Lucy Harnsford | February 19, 1809 |

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Burials in Clover Creek Chapel Cemetery

|                 |           |
|-----------------|-----------|
| Vance, Benjamin | 1775-1860 |
| David           | 1847-1851 |
| Dorcas Homan    | 1827-1906 |
| Elizabeth C.    | 1846-1862 |
| George          |           |
| Helen Jenkins   | 1848-1911 |
| James Edward    | 1952-1938 |
| John W.         | 1870-1961 |
| Margaret J.     | 1844-1862 |
| Ruth Crouch     | 1877-1959 |
| Susan Kitter    | 1833-1861 |
| Virginia        | 1868-1879 |
| Wellington      | 1827-1852 |
| William         | 1803-1890 |
| William H.      | 1842-1935 |
| Willie May      | 1897      |

“Annals of Bath county, Virginia” by Oren Morton 1917

Pg 40—By way of North Carolina, we are told that Zebulon B., Robert B., and Robert E. Vance of North Carolina are of the Vance family of Back Creek. All three served in Congress.

Pg 201—Samuel Vance came to Mountain Grove by 1765 and lived there till his death in 1807. His children were James, Benjamin, Ally, Allen, Patsy, Nancy, Sarah, and Elizabeth. John would appear to be a brother to Samuel.

Will

3rd Oct. 1780—John P. Vance’s will (yoeman) to wife Martha, to daughter Margaret, to son Benjamin, to eldest son Samuel, plantation on Back Creek, to sons James and William, tract near Staunton. Executors John Moffett, Jacob Warwick, John Baller.

Teste Samuel Vance. Proved 21st May 1782

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## SIR PATRICK WAUS (VAUS) SON JOHN

Prefatory Remarks by Kathleen Mason

Thanks to Alec Vans for the gift many years ago, of the Barnbarroch papers to the General Register House at Edinburgh. We now know more about the Vaux, Waus, Vaus, Vans family. This has helped us to identify the probable father of Rev. John Vans of Ireland. Sir Patrick named only four (4) sons in his will in 1597—Sir John - heir, Patrick of Lybrach, Robert and Alexander. In the Barnbarroch papers it was discovered that Sir John had a natural brother, also named John. "Natural" son John was not mentioned in Sir Patrick's will, but in some of my research I found where Sir Patrick made some financial arrangements for his son John. Please note that his heir John is always identified in documents as "heir apparent" or Sir John. Following this references from *Privy Seal of Scotland Vol. VIII, 1581, 1584* I am including a 2 page reprint on an article concerning documents proving Sir Patrick had two sons named John. The Privy Seal reference shows Sir Patrick had made financial arrangements for son John, and his will takes care of his other children.

23 January 1580/1. Halyrudhous.

Confirmation of a gift, dated 'the [blank] day of [blank] last bypast,' by Mr. Patrick Waus, parson of Wigtoun, with consent of Robert, Commendator of Quhithorne, and the convent, to John, his son, of a pensioin of £50 yearly for life from the two-thirds of the parsonage and vicarage of Wigtoun, with assignation of the teinds of 'the borrow akeris of the burgh of Wigton, few maillis of the lands of Maidland and Kirklandis of the said personage,' with power of transference; the confirmation to be as valid as if the pension had been 'informit in the court of Rome with bullis and executoriallis thairupone.'

xlvi, 69 v.

## HAVE WE FOUND THE FATHER OF REV. JOHN VANS OF KILMACREENAN? By Kathleen Mason

No problem has been more vexing to the Vance researcher than the attempt to find someone in the household of Barnbarroch who fits the time frame to qualify as the father of Rev. John Vans. This was discussed in the April 1988 newsletter, page 52/4 and July 1988 page 83/4.

It has been previously mentioned that about 200 boxes of documents and papers from the Barnbarroch Charter Chest have been placed in the General Register House, Edinburgh, Scotland. They have spent as much time as possible to catalog and repair. It was the privilege of the VFA members who went on the 1990 tour to view some of these documents. Your historian

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has been working closely with them even before VFA was organized, attempting to secure anything that might be of assistance as I attempt to chronicle our history.

We were informed as we viewed the documents, that they now take up 100 lineal feet of space. A breakthrough came when recent contact with them advised me that abstracts had been handwritten of about 2000 documents. Immediately we requested copies of these abstracts. Xerox copies of handwriting does not reproduce very well, nevertheless, most of the time one can comprehend the gist of the document's content.

While studying these abstracts, I immediately found three that were most interesting, and a typed copy of those follow this article. The blank spaces indicate I could not read the word.

In two of the documents we find a certain "John Vans, Brother Natural of Sir John Vans of Longcastle," and the last document refers to him as "Brother to Sir John Vans of Barnbarroch." In trying to analyze the fact that Sir Patrick Vans had two sons named John, my judgment would be that the "natural" son would be the eldest, and he followed the tradition of naming the eldest son after his own father. My guess is that he was born before or during his first marriage. The first wife had no sons. I just cannot imagine Sir Patrick would name a natural son John, after the birth of his legal son and heir named John. If this hypothesis is valid, then the natural son would be a prime candidate to be the father of Rev. John.

Since Rev. John Vans finished Cambridge in 1605, there hardly was enough time for him to have been born and finish in 1605 and be the son of Sir John Vans, even if the marriage of Sir John did take place in 1587 indicated by the gift of his marriage by King James VI. A copy of that document is included in this newsletter. The seal of Barnbarroch was used on the will of Rev. John in Ireland, and by this new discovery of a documented natural son of Sir Patrick, would give Rev. John a valid reason to use that seal, if that natural son was his father.

It is interesting to note that the third document involves land in Donegal County, Ireland. Balbirnie stated that descendants of Rev. John settled in Donegal Co. Ireland. The document also indicates "natural son" John had a son-in-law named John Giennndinning. There was a well known family during that time frame named Glendinning in the Galloway area, which raises the question of reading the very old writing in the translation.

In the eons of time, other documents may surface with absolute proof this natural son of Sir Patrick Vans, named John Vans, was the father of Rev. John Vans of Kilmacreenan. At this point in time, he appears to be the best candidate.

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Document 1. GD 99/3 pg. 146, Item 413. Renunciation by Sir John Vans of Longcastle, Knight and John Vans his Brother natural in favor of Thomas McKie Merchant Burgh of Wigton of all Right and Kindness of Tack and possession which they hold to the lands of Kirricrachope, wadset by the said Sir John to the said Thomas under reversion of the sum of

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1200 merks with full power to the said \_\_\_\_\_ to enter the possession of the said lands and have the same to his own use and profit of and until the lawful redemption thereof by payment of the said sum. Dated 29 May 1625

Document 2. GD 99/3, pg. 146, Item 414. Instrument of Possession dated 29 May 1626 setting forth that Sir John Vans Proprietor of the five merk land of Kirricrahope and John Vans Brother natural to the said Sir John, two Tenant of the said land reversion and \_\_\_\_\_ to the said Thomas McKie all right when they had to the said lands during the non redemption thereof by payment of the sum of 1200 merks, etc.

Document 3. GD 99/3 pg. 148, Item 429. Assignment John Gienninning of Drumrach to John Vans in Capenach Brother to Sir John Vans of Barnbarroch father in law to said Drumroch to own contract of sale of the lands called the quarter lands of Lillerili in Ireland, County of Dungald (Donegal) as for the warrandice thereof the lands of Killencraw and Arboth possessed between the said John Gienninning and Anthony Houston. This assignation was granted for 500 merks to relieve Sir John of Cautionary he was bound in for said Drumrach and is dated 15 May 1629.

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#### WIDOW OF SIR PATRICK VAUS WEDS

Sir Patrick Vaus' will was written 25 Sept 1597. In less than six months time his widow was married to William McLellan of Auchlain.

GD 99/4, pg. 206, Item 244 (Abstract) Contract betwist Sir John Vans and Dame Katherine Kennedy with consent of Auchlain her husband, by which she acknowledges to have received the Steelbow goods by contract with the deceased Sir Patrick Vans her former husband and obliging her to restore them to Sir John at his death. Dated 18 March 1598.

These abstracts are giving us a clearer picture of the personal lives of this family.

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**RECORDS OF THE SOUTHERN CLAIMS COMMISSION**

Research of Jeanne Hand Henry  
Submitted by Kathleen Mason

Claimant: Robert Vance, age 56  
Citizen and Resident of Meridian, Lauderdale County, Miss.  
Commission No. 11144  
Office No. 512  
Report No. 4  
Year 1874  
Disallowed

Items taken for use of the Army of the United States:

|                     |          |
|---------------------|----------|
| 100 lbs bacon       | \$15.00  |
| 44 gallons molasses | 25.00    |
| 100 lbs flour       | 20.00    |
| 100 lbs sugar       | 15.00    |
| 1 sheep             | 4.00     |
| 4 hogs              | 40.00    |
| 1 mare              | 200.00   |
| 2 mules             | 400.00   |
| 1 pr blankets       | 10.00    |
| Total               | \$929.00 |

"Have you taken any amnesty oath?" "I took an oath in 1865 before a United States military officer, in order to be qualified to vote. I don't know whether it was called the amnesty oath or not."

"Were you ever in the military of the so called Confederate States?" "Was in about two months only in the Mississippi Militia - I was drafted and had to go."

"Were you ever in any service, employment, or business for the Confederate Government?"  
"Never excepting about a month (after I was discharged from the militia) when I was called out to guard the arsenal at home in Meridian. The service was compulsory. I had my choice to do it or go to the Army."

"Did you ever furnish any aid... for the so called Confederate States?" "Never except as I fed the soldiers who sometimes came hungry to my place. I would feed any man who came to me hungry as long as I had a bit to spare."

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"Had you any near relatives in either the Union or Confederate Armies?" "None in the Union Army that I know of. I have many relatives in the North. I expect there were plenty of them in the Union Army. Never sent him [the nephew] anything or gave him anything except a few plugs of tobacco."

"Were you ever engaged in holding in custody any persons taken by the rebel Government?" "I never did except a short time when I was in the militia. I had to guard the deserters from the Confederate service at Columbus, Mississippi."

"Did you take the so called Iron-clad oath?" "Never took any oath except the oath of allegiance to the United States when I became a citizen about 20 years ago." [No date appears on this particular document.]

"Do you declare that from the beginning to the end, your sympathies were with the cause of the United States?" "I would have been willing to do anything to end the war. I didn't care much which side succeeded. I would have been willing to fight on either side to end the war."

Robert (his mark) Vance

Witness: John Dearman  
J. W. McMullan

**TESTIMONY BY JOHN DEARMAN, AGE 56, RESIDENT OF MERIDIAN,  
LAUDERDALE COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI.**

"Have known Robert Vance over 20 years. Lived about 1/4 mile from him in Lauderdale County, where I was farming. He was opposed to the war. He conversed with me alone and in the presence of his family—his wife, daughter and younger son. His daughter named Mary E. Vance and his son named Robert Vance... He fed Confederate soldiers that stopped at his house."

Signature: John Dearman

**TESTIMONY BY DAVID VANCE, BROTHER TO ROBERT VANCE.**

David Vance is 42 years old. Has known Robert Vance "known ever since I knew anything." Lived about 3 miles from him. Confirmed the Unionist sympathies.

Signature: David (his mark) Vance

Signature of Sarah Vance appears on same page.

**CROSS-EXAMINATION OF MARY E. VANCE**

"Who was present when articles were taken?" "Robert Vance, Elizabeth Vance now deceased, Robert J. Vance, and myself."

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"Was any complaint made on account of such taking?" "Complaint was made by my father and mother, Robert and Elizabeth Vance."

Signature: Mary E. Vance

Commissioners statement:

Witnesses for loyalty: David Vance  
John Dearman

Witness for Property: Mary E. Vance

Signature: E.P. Jacobsen, Commissioner  
4 January 1872

Archives Office, January 1876, 11,144  
Robert Vance of Lauderdale County, Mississippi  
The above name appears on the muster roll of Capt. D. Maggard, Co. C., 5 Regt. Miss. State Troop, as a Private Soldier.  
Disallowed

Archive Office, War Department, March 14, 1874, Book 2, page 494  
Case 11144

Robert Vance, Lauderdale Co., Mississippi  
Name appears on petition asking the exemption of a shoemaker from military duty on the grounds that the interests of the public service will be subserved thereby as there are from 500 to 1000 soldiers at Meridian etc. H1212 W.D. 1862 (left in files)

War Department, Adjutant General's Office, October 31, 1892. There are on file in this office three vouchers signed Robert Vance (by his mark), at Meridian, Mississippi, for saddle, bridle, and for services. One Robert Vance of Lauderdale County, Mississippi, petitioned for the exemption of a shoemaker. Various other references are found to persons by the name of R. Vance, in South Carolina.

CLAIM REJECTED

**EXTRACT OF VANCE LETTERS IN POSSESSION OF JEANNE HAND HENRY**

Letter from Eric E. Vance, Vance Jewelry Store, Meridian, MS, postmarked May 6, 1964:

"I don't think the George Vance parents came over here. No, I don't think that George had any brother to come. He was from Darry Ireland. Two cousins came with him and they settled near Union, Neshoba County."

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Letter from George Vance, Route 1, Meridian, MS, postmarked April 29, 1966:

"I am the youngest in my family; my father, William, was the oldest son of George and Mary Jane Vance and I remember hearing him tell [that] his father and two brothers came from Ireland landing in New Orleans and how grandfather, George, settled in Kemper County. One brother went to Newton County and settled in a community called New Ireland, but I don't remember where the other brother settled. A. A. Vance of Chunky, Mississippi, is probably a descendant of grandfather's brother who settled in Newton County. Ford is my oldest brother and he may be able to give you more information as you said you were writing him."

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**TESTIMONY BY JAMES J. VANCE**

Research of Jeanne Hand Henry  
Submitted by Kathleen Mason

James J. Vance

By J. W. Smith, Attorney, Washington, D.C.

Was told "if I could prove my loyalty" that I would be paid for the same by the government. In the spring of the year 1841 I was naturalized at Decatur, Miss. The oath I then took bound me to bear true allegiance to the government of the United States as long as I remained a citizen.

Witnesses: J.F.N. Huddleston  
Carolinus Boyd

Signed: J. J. Vance

Swearing to signatures: W. A. Duck, J. P.

Witnesses relied upon in this case are:

Wiley A. Pullin, Decatur, Miss.  
Carolinus Boyd, Decatur, Miss  
J. F. N. Huddleston, Decatur, Miss.  
L. D. Moore, Union, Miss.  
John Boles, Union Miss.

"By the witnesses Pullin and Huddleston the fact of my loyalty. By the witnesses Boyd, Moore, and Boles, I expect to prove my loyalty, the fact of the loss of the property charged for and the value thereof."

Remarks: ...He [J.J. Vance] was elected a member of the board of Police not knowing he would have to take an oath of allegiance to the Confederate government. H did take such oath, says he was compelled to take it and resigned immediately after. He had two sons in the rebel army—C. Boyd and Lemuel D.. Moore testified in general terms to his unionism...

Claim rejected.

Continued...

**TESTIMONY OF J. J. VANCE**

"I was arrested by rebels on one occasion, carried away from home and kept in confinement a day or two and then released. Was arrested on account of my Union sentiments. Never took any oath to be released. Was never arrested by the United States government."

"Have you any near relatives in either the Union or Confederate service?" "I had two sons in the rebel army. I never so supplied them."

"Have you held any office under the United States Government since the war?" "Was not under said disabilities. Was appointed registrar of election and took the Iron-clad oath."

**TESTIMONY OF CAROLINUS BOYD (Age 66)**

"I have known James J. Vance some thirty years in Newton County when I was farming. I lived about 5 miles from him and talked with him frequently on the subject of the war. I was a Union man and he so regarded me. He always told me he was a Union man and opposed to the rebels. We had to talk secretly."

"Was claimant ever molested on account of his Union sentiments?" "I have heard that he was arrested and badly treated by the rebels."

**TESTIMONY OF LEMUEL D. MOORE (Age 50)**

"I have known James J. Vance 23 years in this county. I lived about 3 miles from him. Talked frequently about the war. I was a Union man and the claimant so regarded me. He expressed himself frequently to me as a Union man. He was one beyond doubt."

Signature: L. D. Moore

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POST OFFICE: CHUNKEYVILLE  
BEAT NO. 4

NAME  
of Owner, Agent or  
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| POST OFFICE: CHUNKEYVILLE<br>BEAT NO. 4                                                                             |                        |                             |                    |                                              |        |               |            |              |              |       |       |                    |                 |               |                       |                |               |                                  |                        |                      |                             |                 |                  |                |                                   |    |
| NAME<br>of Owner, Agent or<br>Manager of the Farm                                                                   |                        |                             |                    |                                              |        |               |            |              |              |       |       |                    |                 |               |                       |                |               |                                  |                        |                      |                             |                 |                  |                |                                   |    |
|                                                                                                                     | Improved acres of land | Unimproved acres of<br>land | CASH VALUE OF FARM | VALUE OF FARMING IMPLE-<br>MENTS & MACHINERY | Horses | Asses & Mules | Milch cows | Working Oxen | Other cattle | Sheep | Swine | VALUE OF LIVESTOCK | Wheat (bushels) | Rye (bushels) | Indian Corn (bushels) | Oats (bushels) | Rice (pounds) | Ginned cotton<br>(400 lb. bales) | Peas & beans (bushels) | Irish potatoes (bu.) | Sweet potatoes<br>(bushels) | Butter (pounds) | Beeswax (pounds) | Honey (pounds) | VALUE OF HOMEMADE<br>MANUFACTURES |    |
| 1                                                                                                                   | 2                      | 3                           | 4                  | 5                                            | 6      | 7             | 8          | 9            | 10           | 11    | 12    | 13                 | 14              | 15            | 16                    | 17             | 18            | 19                               | 20                     | 21                   | 22                          | 23              | 24               | 25             | 26                                | 27 |
| 1. J. M. West                                                                                                       | 24                     |                             | 120                | 10                                           | 2      |               | 2          |              | 6            |       | 70    | 410                |                 | 100           |                       |                |               |                                  |                        | 40                   |                             | 50              | 200              | 30             | 100                               |    |
| 2. Robert West                                                                                                      | 60                     | 20                          | 200                | 10                                           | 2      |               | 3          | 2            | 20           |       | 40    | 530                |                 | 250           |                       |                |               |                                  |                        | 10                   |                             | 50              | 40               |                |                                   |    |
| 3. M <sup>r</sup> . M. Farrell                                                                                      | 40                     | 40                          | 560                | 10                                           | 2      |               | 4          | 4            | 6            |       | 10    | 100                |                 | 400           |                       |                |               |                                  | 1                      | 5                    | 3                           | 20              | 50               |                |                                   |    |
| 4. P. A. Wolf                                                                                                       | 40                     | 120                         | 500                | 10                                           | 1      |               | 4          | 1            |              |       | 16    | 260                |                 | 50            |                       |                |               |                                  | 2                      | 6                    | 1                           |                 | 50               | 10             | 10                                | 30 |
| 5. R. Weatherford                                                                                                   | 35                     | 85                          | 1500               | 10                                           | 1      | 1             | 2          |              | 2            |       | 26    | 310                |                 | 800           |                       |                |               |                                  | 6                      | 4                    | 3                           | 10              |                  |                |                                   |    |
| 6. S <sup>r</sup> . Kitrell                                                                                         | 40                     |                             | 400                | 15                                           | 3      |               | 3          |              | 9            | 10    | 30    | 170                |                 | 300           |                       |                |               |                                  | 5                      | 11                   | 11                          | 150             |                  |                | 40                                | 25 |
| 7. Marshal Obir??k                                                                                                  | 18                     |                             | 100                | 4                                            |        |               | 1          |              |              |       | 10    | 50                 |                 | 50            |                       |                |               |                                  | 3                      | 5                    |                             | 25              |                  |                |                                   |    |
| 8. D. N. Ott                                                                                                        | 100                    | 240                         | 3000               | 25                                           | 1      | 4             | 6          |              | 11           |       | 50    | 1000               |                 | 800           |                       |                |               |                                  | 28                     | 10                   |                             | 75              | 50               |                |                                   |    |
| 9. John Kinnon                                                                                                      | 140                    | 200                         | 4400               | 100                                          | 2      | 3             | 3          | 2            | 3            | 10    | 40    | 750                |                 | 600           |                       |                |               |                                  | 30                     | 100                  |                             | 100             | 10               |                |                                   |    |
| 10. P. E. Johnson                                                                                                   | 30                     | 90                          | 2800               | 100                                          |        | 2             | 5          | 4            | 10           |       | 30    | 700                |                 | 700           |                       |                |               |                                  | 12                     | 10                   |                             | 30              | 5                | 20             | 50                                |    |
| 11. J. H. Coleman                                                                                                   | 60                     | 40                          | 500                | 200                                          | 2      | 1             | 5          | 4            | 10           |       | 45    | 800                |                 | 300           |                       |                |               |                                  | 15                     |                      | 15                          | 2000            | 156              | 6              | 100                               |    |
| 12. John Butchee                                                                                                    | 250                    | 225                         | 4160               | 450                                          | 1      | 6             | 7          | 4            | 19           |       | 60    | 1255               |                 | 1000          |                       |                |               |                                  | 48                     |                      |                             | 75              | 200              |                |                                   |    |
| 13. C. Butchee                                                                                                      | 100                    | 850                         | 9600               | 500                                          | 4      | 3             | 7          |              | 12           |       | 20    | 1000               |                 | 500           |                       |                |               |                                  | 20                     | 100                  |                             | 125             | 300              |                | 100                               |    |
| 14. William Goff                                                                                                    | 20                     |                             | 100                | 10                                           | 1      |               | 2          |              | 2            |       | 4     | 150                |                 | 230           |                       |                |               |                                  | 2                      | 20                   |                             | 100             | 100              |                |                                   |    |
| 15. John Dearman                                                                                                    | 35                     | 125                         | 8000               | 10                                           | 1      | 1             | 2          |              | 1            |       | 25    | 315                |                 | 200           |                       |                |               |                                  | 5                      | 10                   |                             | 70              | 10               |                |                                   |    |
| * 16. David Vance                                                                                                   | 50                     | 280                         | 5400               | 125                                          | 3      | 2             | 7          | 2            | 18           | 6     | 50    | 1325               |                 | 400           |                       |                |               |                                  | 17                     | 20                   |                             | 400             |                  |                |                                   |    |
| 17. C. Graham                                                                                                       | 12                     |                             | 110                | 20                                           | 1      |               | 3          | 5            |              |       | 14    | 325                |                 | 70            |                       |                |               |                                  | 1                      |                      |                             | 100             | 100              |                |                                   |    |
| 18. Newton Hoy                                                                                                      | 20                     |                             | 150                | 10                                           |        | 1             | 2          |              |              |       | 10    | 200                |                 | 70            |                       |                |               |                                  | 2                      | 10                   |                             | 50              | 20               | 5              | 20                                | 50 |
| 19. Robt. Keeton                                                                                                    | 20                     |                             | 100                | 5                                            | 1      |               | 2          |              | 6            |       | 12    | 150                |                 | 100           |                       |                |               |                                  | 2                      | 40                   |                             | 50              | 40               | 20             | 100                               |    |
| 20. M <sup>r</sup> . Wolf                                                                                           | 30                     |                             | 50                 | 800                                          | 20     | 2             |            | 2            | 10           |       | 30    | 400                |                 | 100           |                       |                |               |                                  | 3                      |                      |                             | 71              | 220              | 4              | 50                                | 25 |

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| 1                                                                                                                   | 2   | 3                                         | 4    | 5                                         | 6 | 7                      | 8                           | 9                  | 10                                           | 11     | 12            | 13         | 14           | 15           | 16    | 17    | 18                 | 19              | 20            | 21                    | 22             | 23            | 24                               | 25                       | 26                   | 27                          | 28              | 29               | 30             | 31                                |
| 21. J. E. Gilbert                                                                                                   | 10  | 100                                       | 15   | 1                                         |   |                        |                             |                    |                                              |        | 5             | 120        |              |              |       |       |                    |                 | 150           |                       |                | 14            | 50                               | 4                        | 150                  | 50                          |                 |                  |                |                                   |
| 22. Y. L. Gillespie                                                                                                 | 30  | 90                                        | 1500 | 100                                       | 2 | 1                      | 2                           |                    | 3                                            | 7      | 27            | 500        |              |              |       |       |                    |                 | 200           |                       |                | 12            | 100                              | 20                       | 100                  | 50                          |                 |                  |                |                                   |
| 23. R. W. Brown                                                                                                     | 40  | 120                                       | 2000 | 100                                       | 2 | 1                      | 2                           | 3                  | 8                                            |        | 14            | 500        |              |              |       |       |                    |                 | 500           |                       |                | 20            | 80                               | 12                       | 200                  | 100                         |                 |                  |                | 40                                |
| 24. C. Crain                                                                                                        | 100 | 40                                        | 1200 | 100                                       | 4 |                        | 5                           | 4                  | 13                                           |        | 30            | 600        |              |              |       |       |                    |                 | 500           |                       |                | 11            | 75                               | 10                       | 150                  | 300                         | 50              | 600              |                | 100                               |
| 25. J. M. Brown                                                                                                     | 60  | 20                                        | 2000 | 200                                       | 3 | 1                      | 3                           | 2                  | 10                                           |        | 25            | 450        |              |              |       |       |                    |                 | 300           |                       |                | 12            | 50                               | 8                        | 200                  | 100                         |                 |                  |                | 75                                |
| 26. L. Covington                                                                                                    | 50  | 40                                        | 1000 | 10                                        | 1 |                        | 2                           |                    |                                              |        | 11            | 200        |              |              |       |       |                    |                 | 150           |                       |                | 3             |                                  | 5                        | 50                   | 75                          |                 |                  |                | 100                               |
| 27. H. Alexander                                                                                                    | 30  | 90                                        | 1000 | 175                                       |   | 1                      | 3                           |                    | 6                                            |        | 35            | 300        |              |              |       |       |                    |                 | 250           |                       |                | 8             | 80                               |                          | 150                  | 50                          |                 |                  |                |                                   |
| * 28. Edward Vance                                                                                                  | 40  | 80                                        | 600  | 110                                       | 4 |                        | 5                           | 1                  | 9                                            |        | 14            | 700        |              |              |       |       |                    |                 | 200           |                       |                | 10            |                                  |                          | 75                   | 100                         |                 |                  |                |                                   |
| 29. E. F. Besson                                                                                                    | 80  | 160                                       | 1920 | 75                                        | 6 |                        | 7                           | 4                  | 12                                           | 12     | 35            | 794        |              |              |       |       |                    |                 | 200           |                       |                | 13            | 50                               | 10                       |                      |                             |                 |                  |                |                                   |
| 30. L. Walston                                                                                                      | 50  | 30                                        | 500  | 40                                        | 4 |                        | 4                           |                    | 7                                            |        | 30            | 415        |              |              |       |       |                    |                 | 300           | 30                    |                | 7             | 50                               | 10                       | 100                  | 100                         |                 |                  |                | 20                                |
| 31. B. D. Meador                                                                                                    | 100 | 165                                       | 3365 | 30                                        | 4 |                        | 5                           | 2                  | 15                                           |        | 30            | 570        |              |              |       |       |                    |                 | 800           |                       |                | 19            | 50                               | 10                       | 200                  | 160                         | 15              | 75               |                | 30                                |
| 32. W. Chandler                                                                                                     | 100 | 140                                       | 3600 | 100                                       | 2 | 3                      | 4                           | 4                  | 13                                           | 13     | 60            | 923        |              |              |       |       |                    |                 | 155           |                       |                | 3             | 10                               | 8                        | 50                   | 100                         |                 |                  |                | 30                                |
| 33. I. C. Malone                                                                                                    | 130 | 310                                       | 4500 | 50                                        | 4 | 2                      | 9                           | 4                  | 9                                            |        | 30            | 1150       |              |              |       |       |                    |                 | 800           |                       |                | 27            | 10                               |                          | 150                  | 100                         |                 |                  |                | 30                                |
| 34. J. P. Strickland                                                                                                | 10  | 200                                       | 2000 | 30                                        | 1 |                        | 3                           |                    | 5                                            |        | 25            | 275        |              |              |       |       |                    |                 | 110           |                       |                | 5             |                                  | 25                       | 100                  | 50                          |                 |                  |                |                                   |
| 35. Arthur Brown                                                                                                    | 250 | 390                                       | 6400 | 350                                       | 5 | 5                      | 10                          | 4                  | 10                                           | 40     | 175           | 2000       |              |              |       |       |                    |                 | 1000          |                       |                | 68            | 5                                | 3                        | 20                   |                             | 10              | 10               |                | 30                                |
| 36. R. Harvey                                                                                                       | 150 |                                           | 500  | 40                                        | 4 | 2                      | 5                           |                    | 11                                           |        | 40            | 100        |              |              |       |       |                    |                 |               |                       |                |               |                                  |                          |                      |                             |                 |                  |                |                                   |

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|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|-----|------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------|-----------------------------------------|----|----|----|--------|---------------|------------|--------------|--------------|-------|-------|--------------------|---|-----|------|-----------------|---------------|-----------------------|----------------|---------------|-------------------------------|------------------------|----------------------|--------------------------|-----------------|------------------|----------------|---------------------------------|
| 1                                                                                                                   | 2   | 3   |                        |                          |                    | 4                                       | 5  | 6  | 7  |        |               |            |              |              |       |       | 8                  | 9 | 10  | 11   |                 |               |                       |                |               |                               |                        |                      |                          |                 |                  |                |                                 |
| 22. W. P. Stone                                                                                                     | 21  | 11  | 170                    | 5                        | 1                  |                                         | 1  |    |    |        | 4             | 80         |              |              |       |       |                    |   |     |      |                 |               |                       |                |               |                               |                        |                      |                          |                 |                  | 5              |                                 |
| 23. A. E. McShan                                                                                                    | 100 | 150 | 2500                   | 125                      | 3                  | 11                                      | 4  | 4  |    | 55     | 700           | 12         |              |              |       | 700   | 8                  |   |     | 10   | 100             | 4             | 300                   | 150            |               |                               |                        |                      |                          |                 |                  | 50             |                                 |
| 24. Mary Hull                                                                                                       | 20  | 60  | 400                    | 20                       | 3                  | 6                                       | 12 | 10 |    | 30     | 300           |            |              |              |       |       |                    |   |     | 7    | 40              | 5             | 100                   |                |               |                               |                        |                      |                          |                 |                  |                |                                 |
| 25. Robt Vance                                                                                                      | 40  | 120 | 1000                   | 10                       | 2                  | 2                                       | 5  | 15 |    | 10     | 400           |            |              |              |       | 300   |                    |   |     | 6    | 20              | 30            |                       | 50             |               |                               |                        |                      |                          |                 |                  | 75             |                                 |
| 26. A. Lindley                                                                                                      | 30  | 50  | 200                    | 30                       | 1                  | 1                                       | 3  | 1  |    | 9      | 300           |            |              |              |       | 100   |                    |   |     |      |                 |               |                       | 50             | 100           | 40                            | 80                     |                      |                          |                 |                  |                |                                 |
| 27. L. A. Ragdale                                                                                                   | 150 | 490 | 3000                   | 300                      | 2                  |                                         | 5  | 15 |    | 50     | 450           |            |              |              |       | 550   |                    |   |     | 21   |                 | 300           | 500                   | 200            |               |                               |                        |                      |                          |                 |                  |                |                                 |
| 28. R. H. Shackelford                                                                                               | 41  | 41  | 1000                   | 30                       | 2                  |                                         | 3  | 5  |    | 30     | 300           |            |              |              |       | 400   |                    |   |     | 2    | 60              |               | 35                    | 200            |               |                               |                        |                      |                          |                 |                  |                |                                 |
| 29. J. B. Yarbrough                                                                                                 | 200 | 200 | 2000                   | 250                      | 4                  | 2                                       | 20 | 4  | 20 | 35     | 1000          |            |              | 5            | 400   |       |                    |   | 4   | 20   | 10              | 200           | 700                   | 50             | 100           | 100                           |                        |                      |                          |                 |                  |                |                                 |
| 30. Niles Stone                                                                                                     | 50  | 17  | 2000                   | 40                       | 4                  |                                         | 8  | 15 | 12 | 25     | 750           |            |              |              |       | 300   |                    |   |     | 5    | 40              | 5             | 300                   | 500            |               |                               |                        |                      |                          |                 |                  |                |                                 |
| 31. W. C. Lisonbee                                                                                                  | 20  | 50  | 990                    | 50                       | 2                  |                                         | 3  |    | 4  | 10     | 21            | 210        |              |              |       | 300   |                    |   |     |      | 10              | 15            |                       |                |               |                               |                        |                      |                          |                 |                  | 10             |                                 |
| 32. W. Lisonbee                                                                                                     | 20  | 50  | 800                    | 40                       | 2                  |                                         | 3  |    | 4  | 10     | 22            | 350        |              |              |       | 300   |                    |   |     | 1    | 8               | 8             |                       | 35             |               |                               |                        |                      |                          |                 |                  | 20             |                                 |
| 33. J. L. Lisonbee                                                                                                  | 20  | 55  | 700                    | 60                       | 1                  |                                         | 3  | 2  | 2  | 10     | 350           |            |              |              |       | 300   |                    |   |     | 1    | 10              | 8             |                       | 30             |               |                               |                        |                      |                          |                 |                  | 15             |                                 |
| 34. A. Stafford                                                                                                     | 35  | 175 | 960                    | 10                       | 1                  |                                         | 3  |    | 10 | 14     | 225           |            |              |              |       | 175   |                    |   |     | 1    | 5               | 3             | 100                   | 25             | 25            | 70                            | 40                     |                      |                          |                 |                  |                |                                 |
| 35. F. Snow                                                                                                         | 20  | 60  | 400                    | 10                       | 1                  |                                         | 3  | 2  | 3  | 9      | 150           |            |              |              |       | 200   |                    |   |     |      | 15              | 25            |                       |                |               |                               |                        |                      |                          |                 |                  |                |                                 |
| 36. A. T. Candlish                                                                                                  | 25  | 95  | 150                    | 15                       |                    |                                         |    |    | 4  |        | 15            |            |              |              |       | 200   |                    |   |     |      | 5               | 15            |                       |                |               |                               |                        |                      |                          |                 |                  | 12             |                                 |
| 37. T. L. E. G. Greer                                                                                               | 375 | 525 | 3000                   | 200                      | 13                 | 6                                       | 10 | 6  | 8  | 100    | 2000          |            |              |              |       | 1500  |                    |   |     | 100  | 800             | 100           | 600                   | 300            |               |                               |                        |                      |                          |                 |                  |                |                                 |
| 38. A. J. McKlroy                                                                                                   | 250 | 350 | 2000                   | 600                      | 1                  | 10                                      | 10 | 4  | 15 | 500    | 2000          |            |              |              |       | 1500  |                    |   |     | 29   | 200             | 200           | 1200                  | 200            |               |                               |                        |                      |                          |                 |                  |                |                                 |
| 39. F. C. Semmes                                                                                                    | 600 | 320 | 1450                   | 600                      | 6                  | 11                                      | 19 | 6  | 20 | 10     | 200           | 4000       | 112          | 15           | 4500  |       |                    |   | 120 | 1600 | 50              | 700           | 400                   | 10             | 100           |                               |                        |                      |                          |                 |                  |                |                                 |
| 40. A. H. Killpatrick                                                                                               | 50  | 550 | 3000                   | 150                      | 2                  |                                         | 8  | 6  | 2  | 13     | 4             | 690        |              |              |       | 250   |                    |   |     | 3    | 15              |               |                       | 150            |               |                               |                        |                      |                          |                 |                  |                |                                 |



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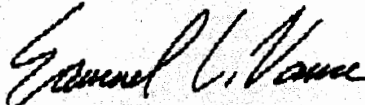
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Ladies and Gentlemen:

I am writing on behalf of Kathleen (Mrs. Herman) Mason, Historian Emeritus of the Vance Family Association, as well as my own, to inquire whether the SRO is continuing to devote efforts on conserving, cataloging, translating, and abstracting the documents in the Barnbarroch charter collection? Mrs. Mason has been severely challenged by macular degeneration over the last 5 - 10 years, but her mind and natural inquisitiveness in matters of the Vance/Vans/Vaus/Waus/de Vallibus ancestry are still very strong! The last direct transmission of results that she received from you was some 300 pages of abstracts of the documents back in or about 1990. Other than visits to the SRO by VFA tour groups and individuals in 1990, 1994, and 2000, we have not heard anything about continuing efforts on this "treasure trove" of documents. We realize that the Barnbarroch charters are but a small part of the holdings of the SRO, and that the storage conditions afflicted severe damage since the disastrous fire in 1941 that destroyed Barnbarroch, but feel that there must be much more that can be retrieved from this massive collection of importance to knowledge of medieval life in Scotland.

I would greatly appreciate hearing from you about this matter!

Very truly yours,



Samuel L. Vance

A past President, Vance Family Association

cc: Kathleen Mason

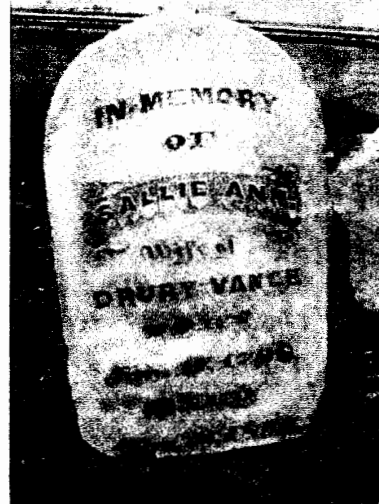
### STONE CAUSES STIR

From the *Lexington (Texas) Leader* Newspaper  
Submitted by Robert "Bobby" Vance

"...one of our neighbors was cleaning up in their back yard and found a piece of Lexington history. They had removed an old building from their property and started removing all the old trash left behind when they noticed some pieces of what appeared to be concrete just under the soil. After removing the top piece lying on another, they noticed some writing on the bottom stone. After cleaning it a bit, they noticed that the stone was a grave marker.

The Lexington Police were called and when the officer arrived he began cleaning off the stone so that the name, date of birth, and date of death could be seen. 'In Memory of Sallie Ann,' 'Wife of Drury Vance' was seen.

Then after further cleaning 'Born Jan. 17. 1798 Died Nov. 22, 1855.' The officer photographed the grave marker. The officer then spoke with Mr. Bobby Vance of Lexington who stated that Sallie Ann was his Great-Great-Grandfather's Sister-in-law. Mr. Vance said that he had been working on the genealogy of their family and was of course very interested in finding out this information.



After further investigation, it was learned that Mr. Frank Ahrendt had stored this tombstone at the old Texaco station that was located where Lexington's old Post Office now stands. Mr. Ahrendt moved the tombstone to his house when the Texaco station closed in the mid-fifties. This story was verified by Mr. Ahrendt's children, who remember the stone being at the Texaco station when their dad owned it.

Bobby Vance provided the Leader with information about Sallie Ann. Sallie Ann Vance was born in Bourbon County, Kentucky, 18 January 1798, the daughter of John Vance and Sallie Routt.

John Vance was born 20 November 1769, the son of Andrew Vance (born 25 December 1735 in Frederick County, Virginia) and Ann Ramey.

Drury Vance was born 20 August 1797, probably in Georgia or Kentucky, to Patrick Vance and Sarah Harrington.

John Vance and Drury Vance have been named soldiers in the war of 1812 and Andrew Vance and Patrick Vance are said to be soldiers of the Revolutionary War. Patrick is shown to have participated in the Battle of Kettle Creek, 14 February 1779, for which he received bounty land located in Wilkes County, Georgia.

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A marriage record for Sallie Ann Vance and Drury Vance is found in White County, Illinois dated 20 August 1819, although it is also reported that the marriage occurred in Christian County, Kentucky.

A son, Charles Patrick Vance, wrote, 'My father and mother were both name Vance and it was supposed they were not related. My parents left Grant County, Kentucky in the year 1832 or 1833, expecting to go to Texas, but went instead to Lincoln County, Tennessee, where my mother's brother, William, lived, expecting that he would to with us. We made a crop in Tennessee and then concluded to go to Alabama...where we settled in Benton County. Father bought land there and opened up a farm and lived there until 1839. He then sold out and started to Texas...After passing Little Rock and while in camp one night, father lost one of his carriage horses that pulled mother and the young children. When he was looking around to buy a horse to replace the dead one, he found his sister, Lydia Owen. They had not met or heard of each other for twenty or twenty-five years. And his sister and family prevailed on him to stop in Arkansas a few years till the Texas Republic was better established and peace was made with the Indians and Mexicans. So Father bought a farm in Jefferson County, Arkansas, and remained in the country until he moved to Texas in 1845.'

Drury and Sallie first settled in Houston County, Texas, near Crockett. It is believed that they moved to Lexington, *Burleson County*, about 1852.

This sister, Lydia Owen, was the mother of Lydia Echols Owen, wife of Andred Marion Dodd, often mentioned in the early history of Lexington.

This son, Charles Patrick Vance, helped build the Dodd's house in Lexington, and later worked in the Dodd Store. He was later a storekeeper here in Lexington, and instrumental in the founding of Taylor, Texas.

Monuments in the Vance family plot in the Taylor City Cemetery, Taylor, Texas, list Drury and Sallie Ann, as well as other members of the family, and it has been presumed that they were buried in the plot there. However, since Taylor was not founded until the 1870's, it seems more likely that the actual burial was here in the Lexington area, but it is not known exactly where. It is also assumed that memorial markers were placed in the plot in Taylor.

Children of Drury and Sallie Ann Vance:

William Routt Vance; born 20 September 1820, died 29 August 1909, never married.

Mary Jane Vance, born 4 March 1822.

Elizabeth Vance, born 17 February 1826, died 1853, married N.O. Harrington.

Charles Patrick Vance, born 21 February 1828, died 10 October 1920, married Mrs. A.D.

Simon in Burleson County, Texas 3 October 1854.

Lydia Ann Vance, born 29 January 1831, died 16 May 1908, married Allen Harrington. This family were also early settlers in this area.

Sally Ann Vance, born February 1834, died 1840.

John Byrum Vance, born 17 January 1838, died 22 May 1916, married Martha C. Heffington in

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Burleson County, Texas, 23 August 1860. Postmaster of Blue, Texas from 19 December 1901 to 1 December 1903, and of Adina, Texas from 19 October 1907 to 15 August 1908 when the office was transferred to Beaukiss.

Sallie Ann was 40 years old when her last son John Byrum Vance was born."

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Note from Bobby Vance: "We still do not know the proper location for this stone, but are searching land records for hints."

For previous articles see the VFA newsletters of July 1988 and 1999, and the October 2003 edition for land records.

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### BITS AND PIECES

**Note from Ag Records, pgs 66-69** - Valerie Vance Parker, 312 S. Menefee St., Edna, TX 77957-3770, descendant of Edward Vance, b. 1823 Derry Co. Ireland, sent a chart showing a David and Robert as brothers of Edward. Also shown on the same chart are Jane, William and Richard, 'siblings or cousins.'

Benjamin F. Vance, Jr. (Buddy), 2500 Broodmoor, Bryan, TX 77802, cousin of Valerie has worked long and hard on this line trying to document Edward in Ireland, and connections to Kemper/Lauderdale Co. group, and possibly Newton Co. group.

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**\*\*From Dale Jennings:** In reference to Janie's "Book Source" in the last newsletter, I assume the author of the book she is looking for is Fountain Jordan Vance who is a brother to Sally Gilrain's ancestor, Rebecca Vance Mount (VFA pedigree, July 2001 newsletter). .. You may already know that Bruce Brandenburg (bruce851@earthlink.net) has recently profiled that Vance line to include Fountain on Rootsweb.com. He may have that information... Do you know if Sally Gilrain has an internet address? I have come across some information about another brother, Charles King Vance, independent of Sally's "Texas Land Grants," (April 2001) and Bruce's data...

**\*\*Address of Jeanne Hand Henry,** descendant of George Page Vance: 5913 Mayesville Rd., New Market, AL 35761. She has found no record where/if George served in the Confederate Army.

**\*\*Address of Kathleen Mason** (husband is descendant of Sarah Vance Moore, sister of George Page Vance), 4213 East Ridge Dr., Jackson, MS 39211

**\*\*Any comments to help us link these Kemper/Lauderdale/Newton County Mississippi folks** will be appreciated.

**\*\*\*"Rutherford County, North Carolina Wills and Miscellaneous Records"** by James and Vivian Wooley: 16 July 1831. Married—At the Warm Springs in Buncombe county, by the Rev. Dr. M'Corkell, on the 30th June, Mr. Joseph R. Howarth to Miss Susan A. Vance of Tennessee.



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## *David Franklin Vance (1825 - 1911)*

*Born: Derry County, Ireland  
Resided: Newton County, Mississippi*



*Original photo owned by B. Wayne Vance  
Copy provided by Helen Vance Cox*

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## *President's Message*

Dear Vance Kinfolk:

I am pleased to report that Sam Vance is close to finalizing plans for our biennial meeting, June 23-25, 1995 at the Ramada Inn Airport Hotel in Nashville, Tennessee. As part of the meeting, we will tour Andrew Jackson's home at the Hermitage, and have dinner on site. Sam has contacted two speakers who have expertise on Tennessee history, the Jackson family, and perhaps the Vances as well. For those who pay in full before May 1, 1995, the registration fee will be \$60 per person which will cover dinner, admission to the Hermitage, a continental breakfast, and the bus rental. This will be our first meeting in the South, and Nashville is an exciting city with Opryland, the Grand Old Opry, the Hermitage, the Belle Meade mansion and many more historic and cultural sites. I am hoping that with its central location, that we will set a record for attendance.

The other order of business is for me to announce the recommendations of the nominating committee regarding VFA officers for the 1995-1997 term. As you know, our by-laws prevent me from running for a third term (we beat the Republicans to the punch in implementing term limits). Although I will not be an officer, I am excited about the prospects for the organization and will volunteer my services in any way I can to assist the new officers. For 1995-1997, the nominating committee recommends the following:

**President -- Mr. Bruce Vance (Bellevue, WA):** Bruce has been our newsletter editor for four years and led the development of our computerized pedigree system, one of the best of its kind in the country. He is better known to many as "Retirement Unlimited," (the monogram that he attaches to his faxes) and for his exploits on the softball field. Bruce is one of the finest people I have ever had the pleasure to work with, and I hope the VFA membership will support him as my successor.

**Vice President -- Mr. Sam Vance (Huntsville, AL) :** Sam is currently the VFA secretary and as such led the Scotland and France trip last summer along with his wife Dolores. In addition, he is coordinating the biennial meeting in Nashville. While it doesn't take a rocket scientist to be the VFA vice president, Sam is just that having retired about two years ago from Morton Thiokol.

**Secretary -- Mr. Robert Vance (Louisville, KY):** I had a chance to meet Bob and his wife Evelyn on last summer's Scotland trip. Bob is a retired Ph.D. chemist and the brother of Wade, our recommended candidate for treasurer.

**Treasurer -- Mr. Wade Vance (Westerville, OH):** I first met Wade on the 1990 VFA trip and even shared a room with him in Dirlerton. I made such an impression on Wade, that in 1994 he decided to bring his wife Sylvia, I think just to avoid having me as a roommate again. Sylvia, by the way, teaches foreign languages at the college level and her knowledge of French was indispensable on the Les Baux portion of the trip. Wade is currently treasurer for his church and has an excellent background to assume a similar position at VFA. Wade has done extensive research on Vance history.

If the membership confirms the recommendations of the nominating committee, this will be the first time in the organization's history where all four elected positions are all filled by Vances. Ballots are included with this newsletter and should be returned prior to the Nashville meeting. The votes will be tallied at that time.

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With respect to the Vance Tartan, we have had a lot more interest than we originally anticipated. Bruce and Mark Vance are putting together the final pricing and ordering mechanism, and will provide this information in the April newsletter.

I hope that each of you had a very special holiday season. It is a time to share with families, and the VFA is certainly an extended family for many of us.

*Bill*

**Errata:** The article 'William Mitchell Davidson & Elizabeth Vance' in the July 1994 newsletter beginning on page 95 should say in paragraph 3, page 96 'On November 5, 1993 Dr. T. Alden Ritch and Charlotte Ritch Clark had a new monument placed at the grave site of their great-great-grandfather.'

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***Associated Names Appearing in VFA Data Base  
More Than 4 Occurrences  
As Of December 26, 1994  
Counts Appear In Parenthesis***

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*(To find which Vance line a name occurs in, send a self addressed stamped envelope with 2 first class stamps to the editor)*



## Editor Tid Bits

Thanks to those thoughtful members that renewed early, those who so generously donated extra money and those many who volunteered to help with the 94 name index. We have an inspiring membership!

**Tartan.** Mark Vance has almost everything ready to go for the Vance Tartan order. We have a color sample, prices, types of cloth and delivery times. There was a last minute question on how to handle duty, shipping and the price difference on double vs. single width wool so we held up including an order form until the April newsletter. The order form will be an insert with the color example on the back. Remember, this will be a one time order through the VFA, after this members will go through retailers and mills, so be prepared to order. Included will be some small silk items that will make good gifts and things that grandchildren won't grow out of!

**On Line Services:** I have been asked to write an evaluation of the genealogical forums of the existing on line services and make recommendations to the membership. Unfortunately, I haven't been a big user of the genealogical forums, so this request will have to wait until I can do some research and enlist some help.

**PAF:** I continue to 'tout' the Personal Ancestral File as my choice for genealogical software with the caveat that there are other excellent choices. But, another point for PAF, is that there are many support and utility programs available. In the National Genealogical Society/Computer Interest Group Digest, Mike St. Clair in his PAF Review titles his article 'A PAF Utility Banquet.' He goes on to list over 50 support programs that are either free, shareware or demos. Personally, I belong to the PAF User's Group and have purchased the Family Records Utilities through 'Steven Cannon Software,' 1065 West 10210 South, South Jordan, Utah 84095. Steve works closely with the programmers that produce PAF and that increases the stability of his programs. I would appreciate hearing about the experiences, good or bad, of the membership with other genealogical software. I will be glad to edit and publish the opinions.

**Membership:** There are currently nine (9) institutions in the VFA membership. Some pay their own dues and others are funded by members. Every major genealogical society/library genealogical section/historical society should be receiving our newsletter as this an effective method of reaching Vance researchers and ancestors. I'll start us off by funding the Seattle Public Library for 1995. Who will follow? Let's shoot for at least one major library or genealogical society in every state for 1995. The following are currently funded :

- *Albuquerque Library, Albuquerque, NM*
- *Everton Publishers Library, Nibley, UT*
- *Family History Library, SLC, UT*
- *Handley Library, Winchester, VA*
- *Lexington Genealogy Soc., Lexington, IL*
- *NY Public Library, New York, NY*
- *Wisconsin State Historical Soc. Madison, WI*
- *Western Pennsylvania Genealogical Soc., Pittsburgh, PA*
- *Allen County Library, Ft. Wayne, IN*

**Books:** Helen Hinchliff, Chairman of the National Genealogical Ethics Committee has again written an article concerning Halberts, Inc. of Bath, Ohio. She lists the various titles the books are printed under such as: *World Book of [Addressee's Surname]*; *The Burke's Peerage World Book of [Addressee's Surname]*; *[Addressee's Surname] Since the Civil War*, and the *Who's Who of [Addressee's Surname] and their American Heritage*. She points out that these books consist mainly of lists of addresses for people who simply share the same name.

Walt Vinson, a VFA member and as he puts it, 'small time author and publisher' sent a letter on this subject. He states that he used the names and addresses out of the 'World Book of Vinsons' to contact two dozen potential relatives. He received three responses, all negative, but **he didn't feel cheated**. He makes an excellent point in that we buy many genealogical books, not all of which provide the information that we can use, but some turn out to be helpful.

**Nashville:** Looking forward to seeing some of you in at the biennial meeting. Sam Vance continues to guarantee me a visit with Elvis.

Enuff,  
Bruce



## NEWTON COUNTY VANCES

by Kathleen Mason

The Federal Government sent its surveyors into East Central Mississippi in 1832 to establish the ranges, townships and sections by which Mississippians now identify the property they own. Shortly after these men opened their compasses and positions their tripods and transits to establish bench marks in the former Choctaw lands, settlers began moving into southern Neshoba County; and by 1834, quite a number of people made permanent settlements. In 1836 Newton County was created from the southern half of Neshoba, and people continued to migrate into Eastern Mississippi, and between 1840 and 1850 the population in Newton County nearly doubled. The word had spread into Alabama and Georgia concerning the mild climate, good soil, abundant water and the fine timber. Soon families from the Carolinas and Virginia began to join the early settlers.

There were Irish families among the first settlers in Newton County. Some came from Alabama and Georgia, but others came directly from the old county of Ireland. Those who came directly from the Emerald Isle sailed to the port of Mobile and then up the Tombigbee into Alabama and Mississippi. Just as the Irish who settled in Alabama named their community "Auburn" after the town in Irish poet Oliver Goldsmith's poem "The Deserted Village," those Irishmen named their communities "New Ireland" and "Erin" in honor of their ancestral home. Those families with an Irish background who settled by the mid 1800's were the Vances, Blackburns, Dowdles, Frenches, Galuts, Willises, Hogans, Mercers, and Davidsons.

The main reason for this group of immigrants leaving Ireland was to secure land. Due to the large population in the old country, a person owning eight acres of land was known as a landlord and could make a living renting this land. Also, there was a bitter hatred existing between the Protestants in the north and the Catholics in the south. On July 12th of each year the two sects would meet on the River Boyne and fight all day with sticks, rocks and fists. At the close of the day the fighters would retire to their respective sections to await the next July 12th.

One group of Vances sailed from Belfast, Ireland to Mobile. This trip across the Atlantic took eight weeks. Thomas Vance settled with his family around New Orleans, but decided to move near relatives in Newton County. On that trip Thomas became ill and died in Jackson, Mississippi, and is buried there. Thomas' daughter Margaret came on to the Erin community and married a cousin David Vance in 1850. These Vances had the traditional auburn or red hair, had fair complexion and a mischievous twinkle in their eyes.

The original one-room church building at New Ireland was built by Jim Vance. It was built of hand-hewn timbers joined by wooden pegs. The floors and walls were made of hand-dressed yellow pine boards. This building was first used as an interdenominational church for the entire Irish Community. Only six miles away, church records at Erin Presbyterian Church in 1866 indicate that seventeen adults, members of Irish families signed a pledge promising to pay the minister, Parson Bailey, a yearly salary of \$128.50 to preach one Sunday each month. Among the Vances who signed the pledge was Thomas Vance, T. J. Vance and David Vance. This was the period immediately following the Civil War, and this salary was considered as generous.

Many of the Vances lived to the advanced ages of up to 92 years of age, and had a large number of descendants. When Thomas J. Vance and wife Mary died, they left over 300 descendants. They cherished a few heirlooms from the past. In a 1936 Historical Research Project, T. S. Vance of Union and D. F. Vance of Decatur, both were farmers and grandsons of Thomas J. Vance were interviewed. D. F. Vance had a pegging awl which his grandfather Thomas Vance used in the making of shoes in Ireland and in Newton County. T. S. Vance had a counterpane woven out of flax spun in 1840 by Peggy Dollar who married a Vance. Though yellowed with age, it was still in a good state of preservation, and highly prized by its owner. He also had a bedstead bought in Mobile, Alabama in 1861. The headboard and footboard were solid walnut wood, with quarter-sawed post that were turned. He also has in his collection a broad axe which was purchased by his uncle, John Vance, in 1844 from a merchant in Decatur.

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This axe was used as a carpenter's tool in hewing articles for the house made from logs. It was being used as a short-handled axe as late as 1938. A clock that he learned to tell time by over 70 years [1860] was also a prized possession, as it belonged to his grandfather.

Newton County, as well as the whole state, is a better place today, because over 140 years ago some Irish families decided to stop and stay a while.

The oldest three Vance males in this group of Vances were James Vance Sr. b. ca 1795/1800, Francis (Frank) Vance b. 1790 and Thomas Frank Vance b. ca 1800. Their relationship is not documented whether they were brothers or cousins. Listed on the Passenger List of the ship Liverpool on December 17, 1845 were: Thomas Vants 12, David Vants, 18, Mary Vants 11, and Mathilda 4. The master of the ship that sailed from Belfast, Ireland was Swinfew. The names and ages of the first three passengers fit the profile of the children of James Vance Sr., who may have arrived ahead of his family. See Ireland Research NL Jan 1991, pg. 28/9 for probable census records of these families and NL Jan 1990 Tithe Applotment List. Note the faith of those in County Londonderry, Ireland was Presbyterian, just as it was in Newton County, MS. The area in the census record in Ireland is not far from Bellaghy, Ireland, the home of Sarah Vance Moore of Kemper Co. Ms. See NL Jan 1991, pg. 16/8. Also See NL April 1994 pg. 48 for article on Sarah Vance Moore's brother, George Vance of Kemper County. Both sets of Vances know they are 'kin' but it is not yet documented exactly where the cousin kinship is. The Ballymacombs area in Ireland, probable home of the Newton County group, from the census records, is only two or three miles from Bellaghy, Ireland, documented by Bible Records as place of marriage by Sarah Vance Moore. Research continues to ascertain the exact relationship.

James Vance b. ca 1795 Ire. m. Ann McCannon. Children:

1. James J. Vance b. 1818 Ire. m. Mary Cassells
2. John Vance m. Sarah Davidson
3. Thomas James Vance b. 1822 Ire., m. Nancy Dowdle
4. David Franklin Vance b. 1825 Ire. m. Margaret Vance, his cousin, dau. of Thomas Frank Vance.
5. Margaret (Peggy) Vance b. 1827 Ire. m. W. Thomas Vance, a cousin
6. Mary Vance m. William Sessums

Francis (Frank) Vance b. ca 1790 Ire. m. Eliza Vance b. ca 1800 Children:

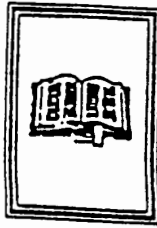
1. W. Thomas Vance b. ca 1822 Ire. d. 1862 CSA, m. Margaret (Peggy) Vance, dau. of David Franklin Vance. The family records indicate they were second cousins. Chart by Mary Nell Vance McGee.
2. John Vance b. ca 1826 Ire. , Methodist Preacher
3. Mary Vance b. 29 Aug 1833 Ire. m. Henry S. Massengale
4. Alexander Vance b. ca 1830 Ire. moved to Oklahoma.
5. Francis Vance b. 1832 Ire., m. Rebecca McMillan #2 Martha Brunson
6. Matilda Vance b. ca 1834

Thomas Frank Vance b. ca 1800 Ireland m. Margaret b. 1796. Children:

1. Margaret Vance b. 7 Sept 1832 d. 6 Feb. 1925 m. 1850 Newton Co. Ms. David Franklin Vance son of James Vance. They had 16 children
2. James Vance b. 23 June 1835 d. 1 Apr 1923 m. Eliza Mitchell
3. Thomas Vance b. 1840
4. Mattie Vance m. William Sessums

Bibliography: Newspaper Clippings, WPA Historial Interviews, hand written family histories, Family Group Sheets by Odell Leach (deceased) and Helen Vance Cox. Helen descends from all three of these lines. Also, B. F. Vance (Buddy) and W. B. Blanks shared their research of many years on this family group, including personal interviews.





### BIBLE RECORDS

The following Bible Record is from the Bible of David Vance b. 9 May 1825, Ireland, son of James Vance Sr. and Margaret Ann McCannon. They settled in Newton County, MS. David's wife was Margaret Vance born 7 Sept 1832 Ireland, daughter of Thomas Frank Vance and Margaret (Mattie). Bible in possession of Lula Bell Rivers of Union, MS.. Copy furnished by Helen Vance Cox, Forest, MS. Original photo owned by Jack Vance, Meridian, MS.

### MARRIAGES:

David Vance and Margreat Vance was married March 1850.

### FAMILY RECORD:

Thomas J. Vance son of David and Margret Vance was born February the 12, 1851.  
Josiah M. Vance son of Margret and David Vance was born December the 6, 1852.  
Mary Emily Vance daughter of Margret and David Vance was born June the 15, 1854.  
Margret Jane Vance daughter of Margret and David Vance was born September the 23, 1855.  
William John Bounds Vance was son of Margret and David Vance was born March the 14, 1857  
Elashia Hamilton Vance son of Margaret and David Vance was born Agust 4th, 1858.  
David Franklin Vance son of Margret and David Vance was born November 17th 1859.  
Martha Ann Vance daughter of Margret and David Vance was born July 19th 1861.  
Jeremiah B. Vance daughter of Margret and David Vance was born September the 16th 1862.  
Elijah Austin Vance, son of David and Margret Vance was born November the 6th 1863.  
Nancy Elizabeth Vance daughter of David and Margreat Vance was born June the 6th 1865.  
Edward Bailey son of David and Margreat Vance was born May 10th 1867.  
Sarah Ellin Vance was born Agust 14 1868.  
Samuel Huston Vance was born Nov 13th 1869.  
Nancy Elisebeth Vance was born Aug 3th 1872.



*David and Margaret Vance*



UNITED STATES HISTORY

REPUBLIC OF TEXAS:  
POLK LISTS FOR 1846

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| Name       | County     | County Seat  | Map Location |
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| VANCE      |            |              |              |
| Bailey     | Polk       | Livingston   | 10 F         |
| Charles    | Dallas     | Dallas       | 8 D          |
| D.         | Titus      | Mt. Pleasant | 10 D         |
| John       | Washington | Brenham      | 9 F          |
| John S.    | Polk       | Livingston   | 10 F         |
| John W.    | Dallas     | Dallas       | 8 D          |
| L. D.      | Shelby     | Center       | 10 E         |
| Mary       | Walker     | Huntsville   | 9 F          |
| Thomas     | Dallas     | Dallas       | 8 D          |
| William    | Bexar      | San Antonio  | 7 G          |
| William S. | Polk       | Livingston   | 10 F         |

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William Mitchell DAVIDSON b.(now) Haywood Co. N.C. Jan 2nd 1780, died Washington County, TX May 1846. He married Jan. 10, 1804, Elizabeth VANCE, daughter of David VANCE, and the grandfather of Hon. Zebulon VANCE, Civil War governor of North Carolina, and grandfather of Robert Vance Davidson, Attorney General of Texas.

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and Hardy Counties Virginia June 1837-December 1839  
by Vicki Bidinger Horton

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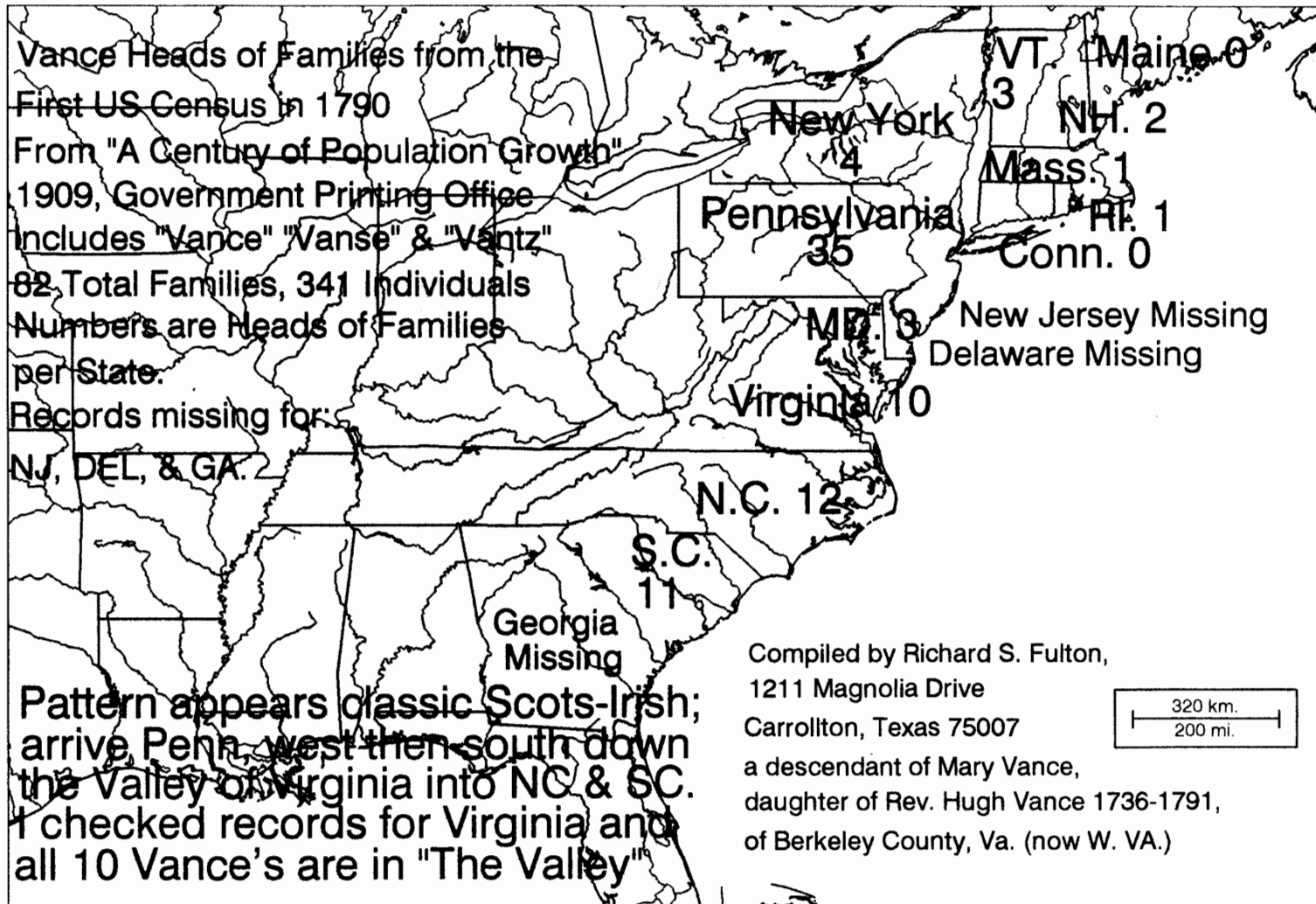
- #60, p.31 8 Dec 1838 In Chancery: James Gibson surviving executor of William Buffington dec'd and David Gibson..... against Jonathan Black and Mary his wife.
- #65, p.32 14 Feb 1839 To Jonathan Black and Mary Black his wife William Buffington (of David), Peter Buffington (of David), John Frizzel and Rebecca his wife, Sarah Black, William Buffington (os Joel), Joseph Buffington (of Joel), Abraham Buffington, Philip Buffington (of Joel), Asa Buffington and Thomas Davitt and Magdeline his wife.....

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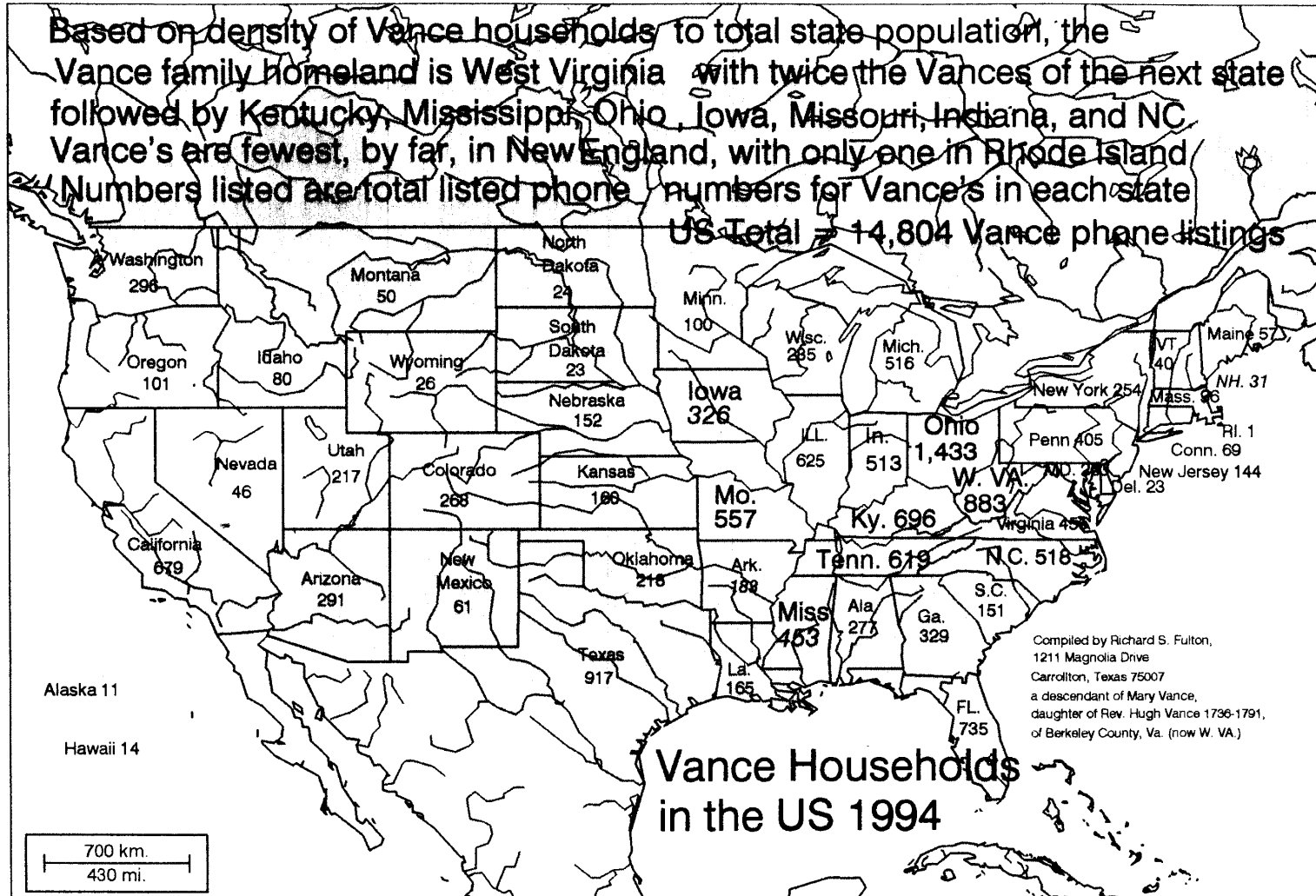
- #2, p. 6 1 July 1837 Sale of land on Pattersons Creek Hampshire County called "Burlington" formerly belonging to Capt. Jacob Vandiver and occupied by Capt. John Vance.
- #13, p. 11 23 Sept. 1837 John Vance administrator of Anna McDonald dec'd plaintiff against Ann or Nancy Holliday, Eleanor Tidball, John McDonald, Jane Langham, Elias Langham, John S. Langham, Angus Langham, Warton Rector and Betsy Ann his wife, Mary Longham, Edward C McDonald, Richard T. Holliday & Millicent, his wife and Angus McDonald in his own right and also as Administrator of Thompson McDonald dec'd defendants.
- #35, p. 21 7 April 1838 Election Notice ---at the house of James Vance.
- #42m, p. 24 21 July 1838 Barton Smoot plaintiff against John McCoy, Thomas Cramer, Wheeler Gillett, Thomas Starne, James Starne and Christopher Heiskell and William Vance Administrators with the will annexed of John Starne dec'd defendants.
- #60, p 31 8 December 1838 In Chancery: James R. Heiskell in his own right and as administrator of Margaret Heiskell, Daniel Heiskell and Susan Heiskell plaintiffs against Christopher Heiskell executor of Adam Heiskell dec'd, Susan McCrae, John Heiskell, James L. Henshow, and Felix Heiskell children of Samuel Heiskell dec'd and James Vance and Catherine, his wife defendants.

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### John Vance

John Vance of Sullivan County, Tennessee was recently identified as one of the nine children of Samuel and Sarah Colville Vance, thanks to Vance Family Association members and historian, Kathleen Mason. (*VFA Newsletter*, July, 1994, pg. 74-75) Despite this revelation, much of John's life remains a mystery; no bible, marriage, cemetery, or will records have been located. What is known about John comes from letters, a few miscellaneous records, and Sullivan County deed books. All other Sullivan County records were destroyed when the courthouse burned during the Civil War.

John was probably born between 1740 and 1756 in Frederick County, Virginia and spent his early life there. John's siblings were Robert, David, Joseph, Samuel, Margaret Vance Lusk Piper, Sarah Vance Vail, Elizabeth Vance Blackburn, and an unknown ninth child. John married Sarah Marquis. A reference to their marriage is found in Marquis family records: "Sarah married John Vance, resided on Holstein, Virginia." Sarah Marquis was probably born between 1750 and 1760 to Thomas and Mary Colville Marquis. Sarah's parents both died before 1765, leaving Sarah, two sisters, and four brothers to be raised by their uncle, John Wilson. John and Sarah Marquis Vance reportedly had a large family of sons and daughters. Presently, only four children are identified: Samuel, Thomas M., David, and Ruthea.

Further knowledge of John's life and family is contained in a letter written the August 26, 1786, by John and Sarah to John's brother, Capt. Robert Vance at Vance's Fort. (*VFA Newsletter*, Oct, 1987, pg. 81) A passage in the letter provides an insight to John's prior residence near Robert. "I wish you would see att. John Veaic whether he has sold the land or not and if he has not you would take some pains to sel it to the best advantage you can. I would write to John but I have not time and many to write to that I cannot write to all therefore one letter must serve two. I purpose if God spares me to come and see you next summer or fall and would be glad if the land would be sold that we might settle when I come." The name "John Veaic" was probably an error in transcription from the original letter and may have been a reference to John Vail. John Vail was married to Sarah Vance, sister of John and Robert, and lived near Capt. Robert Vance in Allegheny Co., PA. (*VFA Newsletter*, Oct., 1994, pg. 118-121)

John and Sarah Vance were living in Sullivan County when the letter was written to Robert. A reference in the letter to Robert indicates that John lived near his mother and brother: "Mother is well but I shall say nothing about her as I expect she will write to you herself. Brother Samuel and family is well...." John's residence in Sullivan County was near present day Bristol, Tennessee less than 20 miles from the residence of his mother and brother, Samuel, who lived near Abingdon, Virginia. Abstracts of John's land deeds and tax records in Sullivan County are as follows:

- 30 Aug 1783, John Vance of Sullivan County, North Carolina purchased 400 acres in Sullivan County, N.C. from John Laughlin and Robert Craig, the only surviving executors of John Laughlin, deceased, for the sum of 187 pounds 11 shillings. (DB 1, pg. 186-187) *Note: Sullivan County was formed from Washington County, North Carolina in 1779. Tennessee became a state on 31 May 1796.*

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- 3 Aug 1792, John Vance Esquire, remained indebted to John Laughlin and Robert Craig, executors for John Laughlin, deceased, for the sum of 145 pounds 10 shillings and a sixpence, for 400 acres of land; payment due 1 Aug 1794. Registered 5 Oct 1792. (DB 2, pg. 554-555)
- 2 Aug 1792, The original transaction of 30 Aug 1783 is repeated. Registered 10 Nov 1792. (DB 2, pg. 556)
- 1796, Tax Record, John Vance, Esquire; 400 acres.
- 1797, Tax Record, John Vance; 400 acres.
- 17 Nov 1798, John Vance of Sullivan County, Tennessee sold 285 acres to David Smith of Washington County, Virginia for the sum of \$1140. (DB 3, pg. 206-207)
- 31 Jul 1799-20 Nov 1799, Moses Musgrave of Sullivan County, Tennessee mortgaged 108 acres of land to Mary Johnson of Carter County, Tennessee. In August, 1799, Moses Musgrave verbally agreed to sell his mortgaged 208 acres to John Vance for \$400. The land is located on both sides of Beaver Creek on the main road from Abingdon to Jonesboro, joining land of David Smith, Woolery Bealor, Jacob Bealor, Edward Richards and Joseph Bealor. Mary Johnson assigned her interest in the mortgaged property of Moses Musgrave to John Vance for consideration. The sale of 208 acres to John Vance is recorded 25 Nov 1799. (DB 3, pg. 264-269)

Although, no further sale or purchase of land is recorded for John Vance, his name appears in two other deed book entries.

- 15 Aug 1805, Jacob Bealor and John Vance Esq., executors for Ulrich Bealor, deceased, purchased lot 15 in the town of Greenfield for the benefit of the Ulrich Bealor heirs. The lot was purchased from Wallace Wiloughby for the sum of \$15. (DB 4, pg. 660-661)
- 8 Oct 1816, Thomas Vance of Warren County, Tennessee, John Vance and David Vance of Sullivan County put up a bond of obligation for \$1000 to David Bushong. The bond protected David Bushong from an claims occurring from the sale of three tracts of land belonging to Edward Richards, deceased, and sold by Thomas Vance to David Bushong on the 16 Oct 1816. The bond to be voided in the absence of claims. (DB 7, pg. 254)

Of the original 400 acres, John sold 285 acres to David Smith. No disposition of the other 115 acres is recorded in the deed books. If John retained the 115 acres, it was probably in close proximity to the 208 acres John purchased from Moses Musgrave. The 208 acre parcel bordered on the land John sold to David Smith. John's son, David, remained in Sullivan County and probably inherited the 208 acres (more or less) from his father. Land transferred by will was not usually recorded in the deed books. In the 1837 Sullivan County tax list, David is recorded with 243 acres. David made his only land purchase in 1837 when he bought 43 acres bordering on his "own" land.

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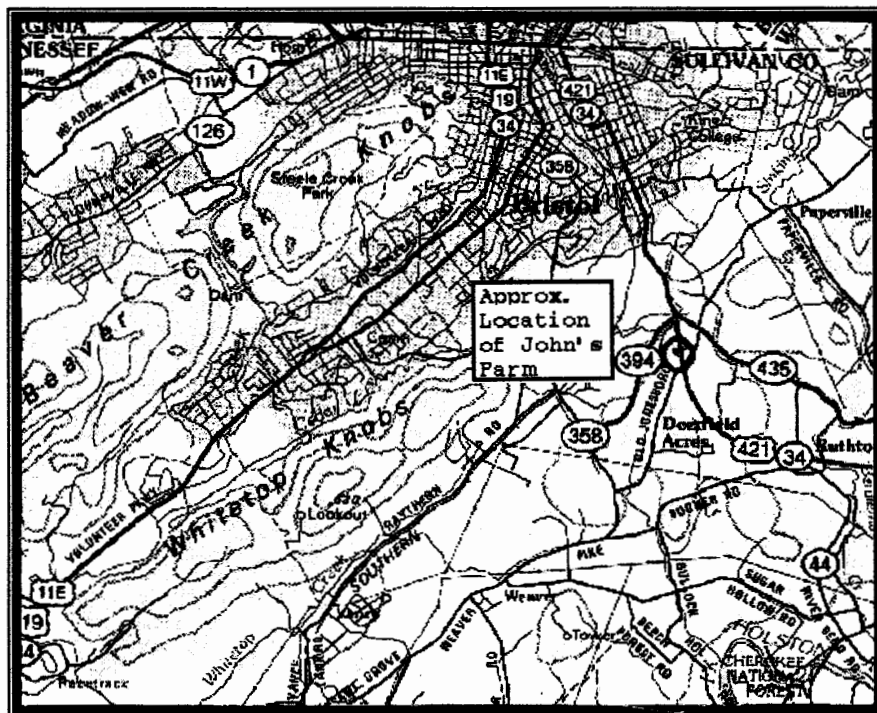
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When John purchased the land on Beaver Creek, one of his neighbors was Edward Richards. John and Edward were more than neighbors, their offspring married. John's son, Thomas M., married 1st, Katharine Richards; 2nd, Elenor Richards; both daughters of Edward Richards. John's daughter, Ruthea, married Richard Richards, Edward's son.

In many of the preceding documents, John's name is followed by the title, "Esquire". John was appointed Justice of the Peace for Sullivan County, North Carolina in 1788. Perhaps "Esquire", was added as a sign of respect for his position as Justice of the Peace.

Mention of Sarah's death was found in a letter written by David Vance of North Carolina (son of John's brother, David) to David Vance of Abingdon (son of John's brother, Samuel). In the May 25, 1823 letter, David of North Carolina states he heard "Uncle John's wife was dead" and asks for details. This letter places Sarah's death prior to May 25, 1823.

An additional reference not only indicates that John survived Sarah, but provides an insight to his religious beliefs. John Vance was one of the charter members of the Paperville Presbyterian Church when it was organized in April, 1824. No further record of John is found after this date. However, the 1830 Sullivan County census shows an 80 to 90 year old male living with son, David and his family. The 80 to 90 year old male could be John. If true, this places his death between 1830 and 1837, when son, David was shown in the tax records owning John's former land.



Map of Sullivan County, TN near Bristol



### Samuel Vance

Samuel Vance was born between 1770-1780 to John and Sarah Marquis Vance. Joseph Vance of Sevier County, Tennessee names Samuel in his will as the oldest son of his brother, John Vance. Joseph left his nephew, Samuel, 5 "doggs" and Samuel's son, Joseph Vance, the sum of \$40.00 in his will.

Samuel probably left Sullivan County, Tennessee as a young adult. He was living with his family in Grainger County, Tennessee at the time of the 1810 census. Census records indicate many of Samuel's neighbors in Grainger County were the Beelers. The Beelers were also former neighbors of his father, John, in Sullivan County. Samuel died prior to March 2, 1839, when the inventory of his estate was filed in Grainger County Court. Samuel's heirs were listed in the final settlement of his estate on August 8, 1842: his widow, Mary "Polly" and children, John Vance, Hannah Vance, Anna Vance Beeler, Joseph Vance, Samuel A. Vance, Mary Vance, and Saray Vance.

Marriage records found for some of Samuel's children listed are:

Anna Vance to Peter Beeler, December 21, 1831 in Grainger Co., TN.

Joseph Vance to Elisabeth Long, March 26, 1835 in Green Co., TN.

Alexander (Samuel A.) to Nancy Townsley, August 15, 1840 in Grainger Co., TN.

Mary Jane Vance to Mathew Railey, June 20, 1846, Grainger Co., TN.

The Grainger County census for 1810, 1820, and 1840, show more individuals living in Samuel and Mary's household than the seven heirs listed in Samuel's final estate settlement. Some of the individuals could be children who died, moved away or perhaps grandchildren. By the 1850 census, Mary was living in Claiborne County, Tennessee. The census indicates Mary was "insane". Hannah Vance, listed as an heir, was living with Mary and several younger individuals. Was Hannah a daughter-in-law and Samuel Vance, 23, and Winny Robinson, 20, her offspring? The following 1850 census records were located for five of Samuel's heirs.

#### 1850 Claiborne County, TN

|                     |      |
|---------------------|------|
| <u>Mary Vance</u>   | 80 F |
| <u>Hannah Vance</u> | 47 F |
| Samuel Vance        | 23 M |
| Anna Vance          | 5 F  |
| Ezekeal Robinson    | 22 M |
| Winny Robinson      | 20 F |

|                   |      |
|-------------------|------|
| <u>John Vance</u> | 48 M |
| Mary Vance        | 41 F |

#### 1850 Knox County, TN

|                        |      |
|------------------------|------|
| <u>Samuel A. Vance</u> | 30 M |
| Nancy Vance            | 31 F |
| Amanda Vance           | 8 F  |
| Pricilla Vance         | 4 F  |
| Thomas E. Vance        | 3 M  |

#### 1850 Grainger County, TN

|                     |      |
|---------------------|------|
| <u>Joseph Vance</u> | 35 M |
| Elizabeth Vance     | 35 F |
| Daniel Vance        | 14 M |
| Anna Vance          | 10 F |
| Samuel Vance        | 8 M  |
| Cloa Vance          | 5 F  |
| John W. Vance       | 1 M  |

|                    |        |
|--------------------|--------|
| Peter Bealer       | 37 M   |
| <u>Anna Bealer</u> | 40 F   |
| Hannah Bealer      | 16 F   |
| Mary Bealer        | 14 F   |
| Martha Bealer      | 12 F   |
| Matilda Bealer     | 9 F    |
| John Bealer        | 7 M    |
| Jacob Bealer       | 6 M    |
| Joseph Bealer      | 3 M    |
| Lusinda Bealer     | 1 F    |
| Jeremiah Loveille  | 16 M   |
| Amanda M. Bealer   | 3/12 F |

### Thomas M. Vance

Thomas M. Vance was born February 11, 1782, to John and Sarah Marquis Vance. Thomas was probably named after his maternal grandfather, Thomas Marquis. Thomas married Katharine Richards, about 1804 in Sullivan County, Tennessee. Katharine Richards was born July 1, 1782 in Maryland, to Edward and Jane Root Richards. Sometime prior to 1816, Thomas, Katharine and their family moved to Warren County, Tennessee. Katharine Richards Vance died May 15, 1816, probably in Warren County, Tennessee.

Thomas and Katharine's children were:

1. Sarah Vance, b. 2 Apr 1805; d. before 1834 in Rutherford Co., TN.; married Wilson B. Thomas, 24 Apr 1819, Rutherford Co., TN.
2. John Vance, b. 7 Nov 1806; d. 12 Apr 1840 in Cannon Co., TN.; married Katharine Tenpenny, ca. 1827, Rutherford Co., TN.
3. Hugh Vance, b. 2 May 1808, d. 9 Nov 1818.
4. Susanah Vance, b. 9 Nov 1809; d. 12 Aug 1862; married \_\_\_\_\_ Evans.
5. Daniel Vance, b. 7 Apr 1811; d. 29 Jan 1845, Wilson Co., TN.; married Nancy Eliza Brevard, 3 Jan 1833, Wilson Co., TN.
6. Samuel Vance, b. 6 Feb 1813; d. 7 Jun 1858 Cannon Co., TN.; married 1st \_\_\_\_\_ Groom; 2nd Sarah Elledge 13 Nov 1841, Cannon Co., TN.

On July 6, 1816 in Warren County Court, Jane Root Richards gave her son-in-law, Thomas M. Vance, power of attorney to conduct business in her behalf for the estate of her late husband, Edward Richards. (Edward Richards died November 1807.)

- On October 16, 1816 in Sullivan County, Tennessee, Thomas Vance of Warren County, Tennessee sold to David Bushong, three parcels of land belonging to Edward Richards, deceased. (DB 7, pg. 160-164.)
- On 16 October 1816 in Sullivan County, Tennessee, Thomas Vance of Warren County, John Vance and David Vance of Sullivan County put up a bond of obligation for \$1000 to David Bushong. The bond protected David Bushong from any claims occurring from the sale of the three parcels of land belonging to Edward Richards, deceased, and sold by Thomas Vance to David Bushong. The bond to be voided in the absence of any claims. (DB 7, pg. 254)

Thomas M. Vance married Elenor Richards, probably in Warren County, in either late 1816 or early 1817. Elenor, the younger sister of Katherine and daughter of Edward and Jane Root Richards, was born November 7, 1795 in Sullivan County, Tennessee. Thomas, Elenor, and their family moved to Rutherford County, Tennessee after 1820. The area of Rutherford County in which Thomas resided became Cannon County, Tennessee in 1836.

Thomas and Elenor's children were:

1. Edward Richards Vance, b. 3 Dec 1817; died 28 Mar 1904, Wilson Co., TN.; married 1st Mary Caroline Brevard, 21 Feb 1839, Wilson Co., TN.; 2nd Drusilla Bonner Hearn, 22 Feb 1854, Wilson Co., TN.
2. Katharine Vance, b. 12 May 1820; married William H. Travis, 26 Dec 1839, Cannon Co., TN.
3. Joseph J. Vance, b. 12 Jan 1822.

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4. David Wilson Vance, b. 31 Jul 1824; d. 13 Nov 1886 Cannon Co., TN.; married Lydia E. Morgan, 4 Aug 1864, Cannon Co., TN.
5. Richard B. Vance, b. 4 Feb 1827; d. 15 Aug 1862.
6. Mary Jane Vance, b. 31 Jan 1829; d. 1 Jun 1854, Cannon Co., TN.
7. Eliza Ann Vance, b. 18 Feb 1831, Rutherford Co., TN.; d. 10 May 1851, Cannon Co., TN.
8. Thomas M. Vance Jr., b. 4 Mar 1833, Rutherford Co., TN.; d. 1862.
9. Isham W. Vance, b. 13 Mar 1835, Rutherford Co., TN.; married Sarah Moore, 29 May 1866, Cannon Co., TN.
10. Sinda Vance, b. 7 Jun 1837, Cannon Co., TN.; d. 14 Jun 1837, Cannon Co., TN.
11. Elenor R. Vance, b. 8 Nov 1839, Cannon Co., TN; d. 24 Apr 1862, Cannon Co., TN.; married George W. Gannon, 1 Oct 1857, Cannon Co., TN.

Thomas M. Vance died July 17, 1862; Elenor Richards Vance died October 8, 1882, both in Cannon County, Tennessee. Thomas and Elenor were buried in the Vance Cemetery, located on their farm near Rush Creek in Cannon County, Tennessee.

Marriage dates were taken from official records, while the birth and death records were copied by Samuel D. Vance, grandson of Thomas and Elenor Vance, from the Thomas M. Vance bible. Samuel recorded the dates in pencil on four sheets of stationery and some areas are barely legible. The following records are transcribed exactly as written on the four sheets.

*Sheet 1*

Family Records Births  
Thos. M. Vance was born  
Feb. 11, 1782.  
Katharine Vance was born  
July 1, 1782.  
Sarah Vance was born  
Arp. 2, 1805.  
John Vance was born  
Nov. 7, 1806.  
Hugh Vance was born  
May 2, 1808.  
Susannah Vance was born  
Nov. 9, 1809.  
Daniel Vance was born  
Arp. 7, 1811.  
Samuel Vance was born  
Feb. 6, 1813.

*Sheet 2*

Second wife and children  
Elenor Vance was born  
Nov 7, 1795.  
Edward Vance was born  
Dec. 3, 1817.  
Katharine Vance was born  
May 12, 1820.  
Joseph J. Vance was born  
Jan. 12, 1822.  
Dave W. Vance was born  
July 31, 1824.

*Sheet 3*

Isham Vance was born  
Mar. 13, 1835.  
Sinda Vance was born  
Jun 7, 1837.  
Elenor Vance was born  
Nov. 8, 1839.

Family Records Deaths  
Katharine Vance Died  
May 15, 1816.  
Sinda Vance Died  
June 14, 1837.  
John Vance Died  
Arp. 12, 1840.  
Hugh Vance Died  
Nov. 9, 1818.

*Sheet 4*

Daniel Vance Died  
Jan. 29, 1845.  
E. A. Vance Died  
May 10, 1851.  
M. J. Vance Died  
June 1, 1854.  
Samuel Vance Died  
June 7, 1858.  
Elenor R. Gannon Died  
Arp. 24, 1862.  
Thomas M. Vance Died  
July 17, 1862.

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*Sheet 2 (cont.)*

Richard B. Vance was born  
Feb. 4, 1827.  
M. J. Vance was born  
Jan. 31, 1829.  
E. A. Vance was born  
Feb. 18, 1831.  
Tosh. M. Vance was born  
Mar. 4, 1833.

*Sheet 4 (cont.)*

Susanah Evans Died  
Aug. 12, 1862.  
Richard B. Vance Died  
Aug. 15, 1862.  
Thos. M. Vance Jr. 1862.  
Elenor Vance Died Oct. 8, 1882  
*Illegible* Mar. 25, 18\_\_

### David Vance

David Vance, son of John Vance and Sarah Marquis Vance, was born ca. 1792 in Sullivan County, Tennessee. David married Rebecca (Smith?) about 1818 in Sullivan County. Rebecca was born ca. 1793 and died between 1850 and 1860.

David stayed in Sullivan County and apparently inherited his father's land. Sullivan County deed books show the following entries for David:

- 16 Oct 1816, Thomas Vance of Warren County, Tennessee, John Vance and David Vance of Sullivan County, Tennessee put up a bond of obligation for \$1000 to David Bushong. The bond protected David Bushong from any claim occurring from the sale of three parcels of land belonging to Edward Richards, deceased, and sold by Thomas Vance to David Bushong. The bond to be voided in the absence of any claims. (DB 7, pg. 254)
- 4 Oct 1837, David Vance purchased 43 acres which bordered on his own land from William D. Blevins, for the sum of \$300. (DB 13, pg. 273-274)
- 1837 Tax Records, David Vance, 243 acres, value of land \$1458.
- 6 Nov 1849 David Vance and his neighbor, James Beeler, each put up \$500 bond to settle a boundary dispute; both men agree to abide by the decision of an arbitration group. Reference is made to using the old Laughlin line as a marker in surveying the boundary. James Beeler is ordered to pay costs associated in settling the dispute. (DB 16, pg. 137-138)

David and Rebecca's children were:

1. Samuel S. Vance, b. ca. 1819, Sullivan Co., TN.; married Nancy E. Akard.
2. Jonathan W. Vance, b. ca. 1820, Sullivan Co., TN.; married Sarah Millard, daughter of Timothy Millard Sr.
3. Thomas M. Vance, b. ca. 1821, Sullivan Co., TN.; married Paulina Millard.
4. David Vance Jr., b. 20 Jan 1824, Sullivan Co., TN.; d. 18 Jul 1904, Sullivan Co., TN.; married Elizabeth J. \_\_\_\_\_.

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5. Solomon Vance, b. 18 Feb 1826, Sullivan Co., TN.; died 25 May 1900, Sullivan Co., TN.; married Sarah C. Hunt.
6. William Vance, b. ca. 1829, Sullivan Co., TN.; married Hannah \_\_\_\_\_.
7. Elizabeth Vance, b. ca. 1831, Sullivan Co., TN.
8. Mary Vance, b. ca. 1834, Sullivan Co., TN.
9. Mariah Vance, b. 25 Sep 1836, Sullivan Co., TN.; d. 29 Dec 1925, Sullivan Co., TN.; married John Peters.

Land transactions for David's sons were found in the following deed books for Sullivan County, TN.

|                  |                                                                                                                        |
|------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Samuel S. Vance: | DB 14, pg 217-219; DB 16, pg. 24; DB 19; pg. 558.                                                                      |
| John W. Vance:   | DB 16, pg. 219-225; DB 18, pg. 309; DB 19, pg. 282; 294-296; 382; 433; DB 20, pg. 534-535; DB 21, pg. 13-14.           |
| Thomas M. Vance: | DB 16, pg. 223-225; DB 18, pg. 309; DB 19, pg. 294-296; 382; 433; DB 20, pg. 587; DB 21, pg. 13-14; DB 22 pg. 171-172. |

David's sons, John W. and Thomas M. Vance built the railroad station, known as Vance's Tank, near Zollicoffer (now Bluff City). (*VFA Newsletter*, Oct., 1993, pg. 112)

David's will was written on May 23, 1866 and proven, July 3, 1866 in Sullivan County. He left his land to Solomon, David, and Samuel, with the provision that they would pay his other children an unspecified amount for their share of the estate. Solomon to have clock, part of farming and mechanical tools and bed. David to have rifle, part of farming and mechanical tools. Elizabeth to have bureau. 'Maria' to have cupboard. (WB 1, pg. 61)

### Ruthea Vance Richards

Ruthea Vance, daughter of John and Sarah Marquis, was born October 12, 1795 in Sullivan County, Tennessee. Ruthea married Richard Richards about 1820 in Sullivan County. Richard was born August 10, 1793 in Maryland, to Edward and Jane Root Richards.

Ruthea and Richard left Sullivan County prior to 1830. In the 1830 census, they were residing in McMinn County, Tennessee. Richard Richards died August 21, 1834 in McMinn County. Little is known of Ruthea after her husband's death. However, will books and court records provide some additional information on her children.

Daniel Richards, Richard's brother, was appointed guardian for Richard and Ruthea's children on December 4, 1834. Their children were: John, Elijah, Edward, Samuel, Daniel, Elenor, Elizabeth, and Susannah. (CR 4, pg. 216) On the same date, Elijah L. Richards was bound as an apprentice to Richard Kelly and John V. Richards was bound as an apprentice to Benjamin Ragsdale. (CR 4, pg. 217) On January 19, 1842, the guardian received funds from the estate of John Vance, deceased. (WB D, pg. 53) On April 11, 1849, the guardian received cash from John Vance, deceased, willed to said heirs, \$50. (WB E, pg. 41)

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Ruthea and Richard Richards children were:

1. John Vance Richards, b. 2 Jan 1821
2. Elijah L. Richards, b. 19 Feb 1822
3. Sary Jane Richards, b. 13 Oct 1823
4. Elenor Katherine Richards, b. 13 Apr 1825
5. Edward Richards, b. 25 Sep 1826
6. Samuel Richards, b. 7 Jan 1828
7. Elizabeth Richards, b. 13 Jun 1829; married Joseph Sharp, 16 Jan 1851, McMinn Co., TN.
8. Daniel R. Richards, b. 25 Jun 1832; married Mary Jane Taylor, 3 Apr 1855, White Co., TN.
9. Susannah Richards, b. 22 Jan 1834

The dates of birth and death were provided by Charles L. Lewis, in a letter to Mrs. Elsie Vance in 1957. Mr. Lewis, deceased, was a descendant of Daniel R. and Mary Jane Taylor Richards.

**Other Vance Families of Sullivan County, TN.**

**John Vance**

Another John Vance, who appears in early Sullivan County records, was the son of Samuel and Margaret Laughlin Vance. John was a nephew of John and Sarah Marquis Vance. John was born April 12, 1782 in Washington County, Virginia. He married Mary King, daughter of William and Elizabeth Sharp King, about 1808.

Sullivan County deed records for John Vance:

- 8 Jun 1815, John Vance of Sullivan County, Tennessee purchased 413  $\frac{1}{4}$  acres on the banks of the Holston River from John Sharp for the sum of \$1600. (DB 6, pg. 500-501)
- 3 Feb 1845, John Vance sold 64  $\frac{1}{4}$  acres to Joseph Meredith for the sum of \$360. (DB 14, pg. 53)
- 1 Jan 1868, John Vance sold 29 acres to Joseph Meredith for the sum of \$1000. (DB 22, pg. 210)
- 1 Jan 1868, John Vance sold 45  $\frac{1}{4}$  acres to Joseph Meredith for the sum of \$1000. (DB 22, pg. 211)
- 1 Jan 1868, John Vance sold 29 acres to Joseph Meredith for the sum of \$1000. (DB 22, pg. 212)
- 1 Jan 1868, John Vance sold 93 acres to his son, Samuel Vance, for the sum of \$417, and \$25 dollars annually for the rest of John's life. (DB 22, pg. 313)
- 1 Jan 1868, John Vance sold 29 acres to Jonathan E. Vance for the sum of \$25 annually for the remainder of John's life. (DB 22, pg. 452)

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John and Mary King Vance were said to have eleven children, nine sons and two daughters, those identified were:

1. Samuel Vance, b. 4 Mar 1809; d. 17 May 1894, Sullivan Co., TN.; married Sarah Millard, daughter of Abia Millard
2. William Vance, b. ca. 1811
3. Jonathan E. Vance, b. 1813; d. 1884, Sullivan Co., TN.; married 1st Adaline Evans; 2nd Elizabeth Hamilton, 4 Jan 1865, Sullivan Co., TN.
4. Margaret Vance, b. 23 Nov 1814; d. 26 Jan 1894; Sullivan Co., TN., married Joseph Meredith
5. Isaac Vance, b. 1822; d. 1899, Sullivan Co., TN., married Susan Vinie Berry
6. Leander Vance, b. 22 Jul 1824; married Sara Launa Crumley
7. Calvin Vance, b. 8 Feb 1828; d. 16 Jun 1906, Boone Co. AR.; married Lucy Huddleston
8. Elizabeth Vance, b. 18 May 1831; d. 23 Oct 1869, Sullivan Co., TN.; married James B. Morrell

Land transactions for John's sons, Samuel and Jonathan are found in the following deed books for Sullivan County, TN.

Samuel Vance: DB 16, pg. 154-155; DB 18, pg. 465; DB 22, pg. 313.

Jonathan E. Vance: DB 12, pg. 476-477; DB 13, pg. 262; 484-485; DB 14, pg 17; 80-81; DB 16, pg. 467-468; DB 18, pg.126; 368; DB 22, pg. 452-453.

John died November 6, 1868; Mary died July 25, 1865, aged 71 years, 3 months, both in Sullivan County, Tennessee. John and Mary were buried in Weaver Cemetery, located on Weaver Pike, Bristol, Tennessee.

### Another Vance Family

While researching Sullivan County deeds, it became apparent that another Vance family lived in early Sullivan County, Tennessee. The names are familiar; John, David, John, and Sarah, which has added to the confusion. However, as facts developed for John and Sarah Marquis Vance and John and Mary King Vance, it became clear that the following five deeds did not belong to either of them.

- 19 Mar 1785, John Vance of Sullivan County, North Carolina purchased 200 acres on Sinking Creek from Jacob Gardner of 'Sparkenburg', South Carolina for 100 pounds. Witness: Thomas Sharp Signed by: Jacob Gardner (DB 1, pg. 294-296)
- 22 Sep 1794, The heirs of John Vance, deceased, of Sullivan County, Territory South of the Ohio, purchased 128 acres on Kendricks Creek from David Perry for the sum of 50 pounds Virginia currency. Witness: Walter Johnson, William Evens Signed by: David Perry (DB 2, pg. 770-771)

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- 16 Sep 1802, John Houser and David Vance of Jackson County, Tennessee sold 200 acres on Sinking Creek to John Profitt of Sullivan County for 200 pounds. Witness: Jacob Slaughter, James Profitt Signed by: John Houser and David Vance (DB 4, pg 569-570)
- 3 Apr 1805, John and Sarah Vance of Jackson County, Tennessee sold 129 acres on Kendricks Creek to James Pickens of Sullivan County, for the sum of \$430. Witness: James Pickens, Charles Jones, John Owens Signed by: John (his mark) Vance and Sarah Vance (DB 4, pg.693-694)
- 22 August 1808, David Vance and John Vance of Jackson County, Tennessee sold 200 acres on Sinking Creek to John Profitt of Sullivan County, for the sum of 200 pounds. The deed states that this land was granted by the State of North Carolina to Jacob Gardner, from Gardner to John Vance, deceased. Witness: John Billingsly, William Cox Signed by: David Vance and John (his mark) Vance (DB 6, pg. 57-58)

John Vance (Sr.) was living in Sullivan County when the Sinking Creek property was purchased. John (Sr.) died sometime after the purchase of the Sinking Creek property, March 19, 1785, but before September 22, 1794, when the land on Kendricks Creek was purchased by his heirs. From the deeds, it appears John (Sr.) had two heirs, David and John (Jr.). David probably lived on the Sinking Creek property and John (Jr.) lived on the Kendricks Creek land.

Two deeds were recorded for the sale of the Sinking Creek property. Both deeds show 200 acres on Sinking Creek sold to John Profitt for 200 pounds. The only difference in the two deeds is the name of one seller. The sellers listed in the 1802 deed were John Houser and David Vance; in the 1808 deed, the listed sellers were David Vance and John Vance. The 1808 deed was possibly written to correct the name on the 1802 deed, from John Houser to John Vance. The name error may have occurred when the deed was written or recorded.

John (Jr.) and David were residents of Jackson County, Tennessee by October 16, 1802, assuming the original sellers of the Sinking Creek property were John Vance (Jr.) and David Vance. When the Kendricks Creek property was sold by John (Jr.) and Sarah Vance in 1805, their residence was also listed as Jackson County. Since Sarah's name appears only on the sale of the Kendricks Creek land, it is assumed she was probably John's wife and not a sister. Note that in the sale of both properties (1805 and 1808), John (Jr.) used a mark for his signature, indicating both deeds were signed by the same individual.

Presently, no connection has been established between this family and the other known Vance families of Sullivan County. Can anyone identify this family?

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KENTUCKY BIBLE RECORDS  
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Research of: Hester Garrett (Deceased)

VANCE BIBLE

THIS Certifies That the rite of HOLY MATRIMONY Was celebrated between R.W.Vance, Jr. of Oldham Co. and Virginia R. Smith of Henry Co. on the 22nd day of Dec. 1842 at R.M.Smith's (her father) by James D. Holding D.D. Witness: Edmond T. Berry and Elizabeth P. Smith.

BIRTHS

Robt. W. Vance Sr. was born Feb. 9th, 1790 and his wife Sept 28th, 1789  
R.M.Smith, father of V.R.Vance, was born May 4th, 1801 and his wife (1st) was born Aug. 19th, 1804  
R.W.Vance was born Oct. 27, 1817 and his wife April 30, 1827  
Mary Rowan Vance was born Oct. , 1844 and died August 12, 1846  
Eliza Agnes Vance was born March 26, 1847  
R. Wm. Vance 2nd Jr. was born Aug 15, 1849  
Chas. Monroe Vance was born Aug 3 1851  
Thos. Smith Vance was born Aug 23, 1853  
Virginia Adeline Vance was born Sept 28, 1855  
Albert Breckenridge Vance was Oct 23, 1857  
Susan Elizabeth Vance was born Dec 11, 1859  
Anna Bell Vance was born Feb 1, 1862  
Emma Augusta Vance was born July 3, 1864  
Ferdinand C. Vance was born Nov 14, 1867 and died Sept 17, 1880  
Amelia Vance was born July 6, 1872 and died October 22, 1872

Added later:

Edith Lyle Smith was born Aug 1, 1886  
Robert Thomas Foree Jr. was born April 16, 1905  
Augusta Vance Foree was born Sept 25, 1909  
William Nolan Foree was born July 29, 1913  
Lula Gwynn Foree was born June 28, 1918

MARRIAGES

R.W.Vance Sr. was married to Agnes Adams during the War of 1812 (recorded in the Clerk's office in Jefferson Co., Ky.)  
R.M.Smith was married to Eliza Ballard on Mch 6, 1823 and to Mary Ellen Kincheloe April 1, 1857.  
Agnes Vance was married to Thos. Winburn on Mch 10, 1862 and to L.P. Houseworth on Feb 25, 1878  
R.W.Vance 2nd Jr. was married to Sue Hensely on February 23, 1870  
Virginia A. Vance and Chas. Alexander Smith, Feb. 15, 1871  
Susan E. Vance and H.W.Glasscock, Mch 13, 1878  
Albert B. Vance and Eva Smith, Sept 9, 1880  
Geo. Augustus Parkhurst and Anna B. Vance, Nov 16, 1880  
Algernon Sidney Smith and Emma Augusta Vance, Jan 24, 1883  
W.T.Nolan and Emma A. Smith, Dec 24, 1896 (2nd marriage)  
Robt. T. Foree and Edith L. Smith, May 25, 1904  
William Nolan Vance and Virginia Moody, June 16, 19\_5 (?)  
Augusta Vance Owens and Elmer Foree, March 16, 194-  
Lula Gwynn Foree and William Gail Robbins, October 18, 1941

Kentucky Bible Records  
Vance Bible

Deaths

Robt. W. Vance Sr. died Jan 2, 1828 and his wife died Jan 9, 1849  
R.M.Smith died Aug 25, 1854, 1st wife died Feb 9, 1850  
2nd wife died Aug 23, 1854  
Servas S. Smith, son of M.R.Smith died in Texas, Oct 8, 1852  
Eliza Jane Smith, dau. of R.M.Smith, died August 24 1856  
Ferdinand C. Smit, son of R.M.Smith, died at Ringold, GA. July 21, 1863  
Thos. J. Winburm was killed by a falling limb July 10, 1871  
Thos. S. Vance was shot and killed by Colbin and Jenkins at LaGrange,  
July 27, 1876 and died on the morning of the 29th at 4 o'clock, same  
month and year.  
Ferdinand C. Vance died Sept 17, 1880  
Albert B. Vance died April 27, 1886  
Virginia R. Vance, wife of R.W.Vance, Jr., died Feb 22, 1887  
R.W.Vance, Jr. died Jan 29, 1890  
R.W.Vance 2nd Jr. died March 29, 1896  
Susan E. Glasscock died August 2, 1896  
Charles Monroe Vance died at his home near Bloomfield, Nelson Co., Ky.  
April 20, 1914  
Eliza Agnes Houseworth died Dec. 25, 1921  
William Taylor Nolan, husband of E.A.Nolan, died Apr 7, 1924  
Virginia A. Smith (wife of Chas. A. Smith) died Feb 27, 1925  
Anna Belle Parkhurst died July 5, 1940

MURRELL FAMILY BIBLE

This Bible was published by the American Bible Society in 1870. The  
information from this record was contributed to the Jane Lupton Chapter,  
DAR, Columbia, KY in 1962. The Following Vances are mentioned:

BIRTHS

William M. Vance, July 3rd, 1887  
John M. Vance, May 12, 1890  
Nannie Vance, May 13th, 1897

DEATHS

Abram L. Vance, May 25, 1897

MARRIAGES

Abe L. Vance and Mattie P. Murrell, October 8, 1885

### ANCESTORS FOUND! VIRGINIA-KENTUCKY

**Nan Alexander** is so happy to have found three more generations of her Vance family! Her **Sarah Vance #3064** b. 1783, husband Samuel Rippey #3063, has connected to Samuel Vance Sr. and Jane Rannels. Samuel was the son of James Vance #960 (d. 1751 and Elizabeth Glass #961) of Frederick Co. Va. Jane Rannels was Samuel's first cousin, daughter of Mary (and \_\_\_\_\_ Rannels) Vance, sister of James Vance. Got that? David Vance Sr. #1246 (of Hite Trial) was the father of James Vance #960. Furthermore, she now knows that Sarah's sister Elizabeth (Betsy) married David Rippey (brother of Samuel Rippey), and sister Mary married William Sprowl. Elizabeth and Mary's marriages took place in Berkeley Co. Va. These three families moved to Kentucky, but the Sprowl family later moved to Indiana. Folks, just hang around long enough, and you too will find your ancestor. Thanks to the research of Virginia Lovett and Robert G. Vance of Atlanta (booklet by Jo Webb), your historian was able to forward information to Nan, and she now knows more about her family. A note from Nan: 'Thank you for sending the papers on Vance-Glass...It's very interesting; I'm gradually getting it all put together. The Vance family Association is a very good association to belong to. I'm glad I caught up with you after about six years of looking for my Vance.'

### UPDATE - ROCKINGHAM/RUSSELL CO. VIRGINIA

There is a marriage record 4 Feb. 1807 for William Vance #1322 and Nancy Burnside #1015 in Rockingham Co. Va. . For some time this was thought to be the wife of William Vance #1322, son of Abner Vance Sr. #300. Abner has been documented in Pittsylvania, Montgomery and Russell Co. Va. A careful analysis of dates, time frame, location has now proven that Nancy Burnside cannot be the bride of Abner's William Vance #1322. William's wife's name was Nancy, but the maiden name is unknown at this time, therefore the Burnside is deleted from the data base. We seek maiden name of Nancy #1015.

This poses an interesting situation. There were several marriages in Rockingham Co. VA:  
Research of Margaret Webb: Rockingham Marriages 1778-1850, pg. 222/3.

Abraham Vance & Elizabeth Swarts 18 Nov 1842; m - Benjamin Bowman  
Benjamin Vance & Hannah Sites 2 Feb 1808; b - John Vance d of Christian  
Christy Vance & Elizabeth Waring -- 1785; b - Wm Vance (Ger.) con- Michael Waran  
Christian Vance & Barbara Roler ---1794; b - Peter Roler (Ger.) d. of Peter Sr. (Ger.)  
Handle & Rebecca Thomas 19 Apr 1782; b - John Ervin, d of Jan.  
John Vance & Jane Green 4 Dec 1795; b - Solomon Vance d of James  
John Vance & Rebecca Trump -- 1808; b - John Vance Jr. (Ger.) con - Daniel, wit - Wm B. Mason &  
John Vance (Wenc) (Ger.)  
Solomon Vance & Lucy Hansford 19 Feb 1809; b - Gordon McWilliams  
Solomon Vance & Sarah Reeds - - 1812; b - Philip Rinde (Ger.) d of Philip Reads  
**William Vance and Nancy Burnside 4 Feb 1807; b - John Burnside d of John.**

Note several of the above are noted to be of the German lineage. Benjamin is known to be from the German lineage, as well as Handle, though not noted above. Does this William belong to this line? Is someone out there looking for this **William Vance and Nancy Burnside**?

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**ERRATA.** Oops, omitted a generation. Oct. NL. 1994, pg. 119. Article on Gov. Robert Blackwell Docking. Last paragraph generation 7 should read Robert Blackwell Docking and generation 8 should read Thomas R. Docking, his son and Lt. Governor. Thanks Irene Van Royen. Irene was moving to Denver during this time, and could not write the article.

PENNSYLVANIA SETTLERS FROM ENGLAND AND WALES  
Research of Virginia Lovett

"About the year 1686, one John Eaton, George Eaton and June his wife, Sarah Eaton, and Samuel Jones, members of a Baptist church residing in Llanddewi and Nantmel in Radnorshire\*... and John Baker of Kilkenny, Ireland, and Samuel Vaus from England... arrived and settled on the banks of the Pennepek (formerly Pemmepeka).

In 1687 the Rev. Elias Keach of London came among them and baptized Joseph Aston and his wife, William Fisher and John Watts."

With Keach — making twelve — they formed a church in January 1687, and made Samuel Vaus their deacon. Elias Keach, their first pastor, was the son of the famous Benjamin Keach of London, and he returned to England not many years afterwards. He was followed in the pastorate by John Watts, then Evan Morgan and Samuel Jones. Samuel Jones was born in the parish of Llanddewi, Radnorshire, on July 9th, 1657. He was called to the ministry in 1697 and was ordained on October 23rd 1706. He died on February 3rd 1722, and was buried at Pennepek.

After 1687, changes in circumstances, both in Britain and in Pennsylvania, affected the flow of emigrants. In that year James II issued his 'Declaration of Indulgence' and was anxious to have the support of the dissenters in his attempts to remove the disabilities of his Catholic co-religionists. William Penn was on terms of close friendship with James, and was placed in jeopardy by the revolution of 1688, but there was no renewal of the persecution of Nonconformists. Three decades of dogged and determined passive resistance compelled the passage of the Toleration Act in 1689.

At the same time as the religious motives for emigration were lessened political clouds hung over Penn. Between 1692 and 1694 he was deprived of the government of Pennsylvania. In Pennsylvania itself the Welsh hopes of a separate Welsh-speaking 'Barony' were dashed in 1691, when it was ordered that lands in the tract should be laid out to other purchasers, and the political influence of the Welsh was diminished by placing the townships of Radnor and Haverford in Chester County, while Merion was placed in Philadelphia County, so that in both units of administration the Welsh were in a minority. On the other hand the economic advantages of emigration to this peaceful and prosperous colony were becoming more apparent, and good reports must have been flowing back to relatives and friends of the first settlers.

One member of the family of James Morgan, of Vaynor, Nantmel, had left Radnorshire to live at Gwernevel, Merionethshire. This Cadwallader Morgan is said to have been a Quaker who suffered greatly in the persecutions. He went out to Pennsylvania with the second party from Merionethshire, which set out from Mossom, Chester, on the 'Morning Star,' in September 1683, and arrived at Philadelphia two months later. He had taken up his lands in Merion. It is probable that he wrote to his father and brothers at Vaynor, Nantmel, or they may have heard good reports from their former neighbours, John Evans and Ellis Jones.

\*Wales

Who was this Samuel Vaus, and did he retain that spelling, or later use Vance?

Bibliography: Radnorshire Settlers in the Foundation of Pennsylvania, F. Noble, reprinted from Vol 29 of Radnorshire Society Publishers.

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**BELGIUM-FRANCE VANCE RESEARCH**  
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As you know, we visited Vance, Belgium and requested historical information about the villages of Vance, Belgium and Vance, France. We received documents from the Belgian archives last October, but only recently received the French information. Translation has been slow, because it's being done on a time available basis, and some of the papers are written in old French, adding to the difficulty. However here are some of the gleanings and you can publish this because I believe it is of general interest.

The following is from the papers from the Belgian Archives. The village of Vance, Belgium has written records surviving only since 1040, however there are references to the village during the reign of Charlemagne, about 840.

The VANCE name is of German root, first spelled WANNES then VANS and finally VANCE.

The written record lists the overlords of Vance beginning in 1040 as VANS, the spelling of VANCE does not occur until after 1100 A.D. Apparently Vance is of very ancient origin. Various Vances or their relatives are listed as overlords almost to the French Revolution, when records become rather confused.

The following information has been received from the Archives of the Department of Sarthe, LeMans, France. The village of Vance, France is near LeMans and in the Department of SARTHE. We have not gotten much translated from these documents, since they arrived recently. According to a census taken by the abbey of Calais in 1391, the village named VANCE, was spelled VANSSAI, VANCZAI, VENCAY, and in antiquity was called VANSEIUM. They refer to "Fanum Cesaris Aug." The librarian at Penn State translates that as "A place dedicated to the gods by Cesear Augustus," so possibly this village site has been occupied since the days of the Roman Empire. They also refer to visible Roman ruins near the village, and excavated artifacts.

The interesting part to me is the various ways Vance has been spelled, and how far back in history the name seems to occur.

It's easy to arrive at various conclusions, from the little we have translated. You must remember that for centuries LATIN was the accepted written language, and was used for all legal documents, so latinized names will appear, and may give the appearance of greater age than is actually true. Spelling was very original also, since dictionaries and rules did not exist.

We have not as yet been able to find any particular Vance who left France for England or Scotland. There does seem to be a similarity between the Arms of Belgian Vance, French Vance and the Arms as listed in the Will of Rev. John Vance of

Ireland. Probably only coincidence.

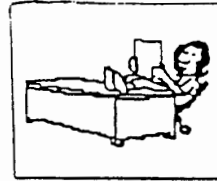
Hopefully, as the papers are translated, more interesting information will be revealed.

Although we have found many towns with VAUX in the name, only these two towns are named VANCE, and we wonder if the Vances migrated from what is now Belgium to France, or from France to both Belgium and Britain.

Perhaps some of the members on the Vance tour may be interested in passing through Vance, France and taking some pictures and sharing them with us.

We are encouraged in the desire for documenting all our research.

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### TRIVIA FROM KATHLEEN'S DESK

I was recently reading some old letters and Joseph Gardner had commented on how much he enjoyed a small world bit of trivia. Sooo..here we go again. While in Nashville last summer our friends suggested we should visit Franklin, TN., a charming historic town, and hometown of Tom Pinkerton, who served as our Associate Historian before his untimely death. Franklin is a treat to visit, and I am disappointed some of you have not taken time out to go there and do some research in their fine library as requested in a back newsletter. They had a wonderful collection donated to them. See NL July 1993 pg 80. I recalled that there was a connection in Tom's family to a drug store. So, when we spotted a corner drug store, we went in and enjoyed a double dip of ice cream, sitting in the old fashioned ice cream parlor chairs, with the table to match. . I thought of the many times that Tom probably did the same thing.

About a month later, back in Jackson, I attended an antique show. Immediately I saw a booth from Franklin, TN., and inquired if the owner accidentally knew Tom Pinkerton. No, she did not. However, at that very moment, a man standing beside me spoke up and said "I know Tom Pinkerton!" He was working for the lady who had the booth. Our conversation began immediately, of course. He was Fred Hamilton, and his mother worked for the Pinkerton family for many years. He was delighted to get an update on the family. I told him Tom was deceased, but I still had contact with Virginia. His mother is now 87 years old. I wrote his name down, so I could pass this greeting on to Virginia. Would you believe the very next morning Virginia phoned me? She fondly remembered the family, and told me she had a family cookbook this family had printed, and many of Mrs. Pinkerton's recipes were in it. Since I had not finished browsing at the antique show, I decided to go back, and relay greeting to Fred Hamilton. He was so delighted that Virginia had called, and that she had a copy of the family cookbook.

About three weeks later, I received a letter from Virginia, and she had just read the October Newsletter, and commented how much she enjoyed reading about our trip to Weaverville, NC (birthplace of Gov. Zeb Vance) and the meeting with R. C. and Vance Smith. She especially noted my comments about the ZEBULON B. VANCE LETTERS book, edited by Frontis W. Johnston. He taught Tom in the late 30's and 40's, and was a very popular teacher. Over the years he became Dean at Davidson College (where Tom later taught), and sometimes served as President between administrations. He received grants to work on the papers of Zebulon B. Vance. Virginia and Tom later lived up the hill from them, became good friends and talked many times about his dissertation, and the above mentioned book. Virginia commented that Tom would have laughed about my catching his friend in a couple of errors.. Those errors had to be cited, because of all the work that has gone on via the newsletters. Thanks, Virginia for the additional information on Dr. Johnston. It's a fine book to have in your library.

**COMING SOON!** When Mary Norfleet began her indepth research on John Vance/Sarah Marquis in Sullivan Co. TN. I asked her to look out for some other families that we are trying to get a correct picture of. She has done so, and hopefully by the next newsletter, we will have some articles that will add/correct some generations to several lines. One is a DAR line, that will need a correction. In the meantime, I hope to contact the DAR, and see if a correction has already been made. This is a slow process, and we wish it to be accurate. Thanks for your patience.

Bruce Vance, Grace Dotson and Fay V. Morrison have alerted me on new documentati re Blue Jacket/Duke Swearingen legend. See NL Apr 1993 pg 45. Hopefully update in April NL.

Virginia Lovett and Grace Dotson are both working closely with me on the analysis of documents, as well as doing additional research. 'Tis tedious work..article coming soon.

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**NEW AND REVISED VFA PEDIGREES**

**ALEXANDER, Nan**

**437 Franklin St**

**Napa CA 94559**

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|-----------------------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|-------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| (3053) ALEXANDER, Clifford              | B-29 Oct 1917 TX | D-               | M-10 Jun 1949 CZ | (3054) GOELLER, Nan     | B-24 Dec 1920 OR | D-               |
| (3055) GOELLER, Harry E                 | B-19 Jul 1888 KS | D-17 Apr 1974 OR | M-12 Aug 1914 OR | (3056) RIPPEY, Maude B  | B-28 Dec 1888 OR | D- 2 Jun 1970 OR |
| (3057) RIPPEY, Charles G                | B-29 Nov 1861 CA | D-13 Apr 1905 CA | M-29 Jun 1887 OR | (3058) BUZAN, Addie K   | B-18 Nov 1869 OR | D-25 Dec 1961 OR |
| (3059) RIPPEY, Gibson C                 | B- 8 Feb 1827 KY | D- 5 Apr 1894 CA | M-14 May 1846 MD | (3060) LAKE, Mary E     | B-27 Jul 1829 MO | D-17 Mar 1901 CA |
| (3061) RIPPEY, William V                | B-24 Sep 1806 WV | D- 1 Feb 1866 MO | M-14 Mar 1826 KY | (3062) CRIM, Nancy R    | B-15 Nov 1808 KY | D-28 Oct 1890 MO |
| (3063) RIPPEY, Samuel                   | B- WV            | D- Dec 1813 KY   | M- WV            | (3064) VANCE, Sarah     | B-Abt 1783       | D- 1853 KY       |
| (6608) VANCE, Samuel Sr                 | B-Abt 1740       | D- 1799 VA       |                  | (6609) RANNELS, Jane    | B-               | D-               |
| (6612) VANCE, James                     | B- 1715 Ire      | D- 1751 VA       |                  | (6613) GLASS, Elizabeth | B- Ire           | D-Abt 1785       |
| (6614) VANCE, David Sr                  | B-               | D-               |                  | (6615) UNK, Sarah       | B-               | D-               |
| ----- Additional & Double Line(s) ----- |                  |                  |                  |                         |                  |                  |
| (6610) UNK, Rannels                     | B-               | D-               |                  | (6611) VANCE, Mary      | B-               | D-               |
| (6614) VANCE, David Sr                  | B-               | D-               |                  | (6615) UNK, Sarah       | B-               | D-               |

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|-------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|--------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| (6138) ALLEN, Billy J   | B- 9 Jan 1938 IN | D-               | M-14 Jun 1959 IN | (6139) CAIN, Mary J      | B- 4 Oct 1940 IN | D-               |
| (6140) ALLEN, Ralph C   | B-28 Jul 1911 IN | D-               | M-26 Oct 1935 IN | (6141) VANCE, Eileen K   | B-26 Aug 1914 IN | D-10 Apr 1987 IN |
| (6142) VANCE, Willard S | B- 4 Dec 1875 IN | D-30 Jun 1949 IN | M-14 Apr 1895 IN | (6143) BATMAN, Jessie E  | B- 1 Mar 1878 IN | D-22 Apr 1944 IN |
| (6144) VANCE, John W    | B- 8 Jul 1845 IN | D-11 Sep 1880 IN | M-15 Oct 1868 IN | (6145) RAWLINGS, Eliza J | B-22 Dec 1848 IN | D-10 Sep 1906 IN |
| (6146) VANCE, Thomas    | B-17 Mar 1817 TN | D-15 Jul 1897 IN | M-14 Dec 1840 TN | (6147) BLACKBURN, Anna   | B-22 Jul 1821 IN | D-26 Jan 1892 IN |
| (6148) VANCE, Thomas    | B-Bef 1785 VA    | D-Abt 1835 IN    | M-12 Jan 1804 TN | (6149) LEWIS, Sudney     | B-Abt 1780 TN    | D-               |

**CANTRELL, Ivan Scott**

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| (6654) CANTRELL, Ivan S                 | B-23 Dec 1970 TN | D-               |               | (6657) VANCE, Mary M     | B- 2 Apr 1898 WV | D-13 Aug 1981 WV |
| (6655) CANTRELL, Wallace A              | B-30 Dec 1933 WV | D-               |               | (649 ) VANCE, Louise L   | B-31 Mar 1874    | D-31 Dec 1957 WV |
| (6656) CANTRELL, David W                | B-23 Dec 1913 WV | D-21 Dec 1982    |               | (651 ) HARMAN, Elizabeth | B- Feb 1855 VA   | D-21 Dec 1931 WV |
| (6653) CANTRELL, Alexander              | B- Nov 1894 VA   | D-               |               | (647 ) MCKINNEY, Marinda | B-Abt 1813 NC    | D-27 Jun 1909 WV |
| (648 ) CANTRELL, Wilson H               | B-19 Mar 1862    | D-12 Apr 1931    |               |                          |                  |                  |
| (650 ) VANCE, Alexander                 | B- Dec 1849 VA   | D- Mar 1921 WV   | M-Abt 1871    |                          |                  |                  |
| (646 ) VANCE, John                      | B- 1806 VA       | D- Nov 1883 WV   |               | (645 ) LESTER, Cosby     | B-26 Jul 1870 WV | D-18 Jul 1945 WV |
| ----- Additional & Double Line(s) ----- |                  |                  |               |                          |                  |                  |
| (644 ) VANCE, David                     | B-14 Apr 1853 VA | D-24 Mar 1944 WV | M-12 Mar 1883 | (647 ) MCKINNEY, Marinda | B-Abt 1813 NC    | D-27 Jun 1909 WV |
| (646 ) VANCE, John                      | B- 1806 VA       | D- Nov 1883 WV   |               |                          |                  |                  |

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| (6585) GRISSOM, Robert A                | B-28 Jun 1938     | D-               |                | (6586) JOYNER, Geraldine | B- 9 Oct 1939     | D-               |
| (6584) GRISSOM, Robert S                | B-27 Oct 1885 KY  | D- 7 Jun 1945    |                | (6583) VANCE, Mattie B   | B- 9 Feb 1905 MS  | D-21 Feb 1940 TN |
| (3771) VANCE, Elijah A                  | B- 6 Nov 1863 MS  | D-14 Oct 1937 MS | M-15 Dec 1884  | (3784) MAPP, Lula B      | B- 8 Nov 1867     | D-25 Apr 1949    |
| (3418) VANCE, David F                   | B- 9 May 1825 Ire | D-17 Oct 1911 MS | M- Mar 1850 MS | (3419) VANCE, Margaret   | B- 7 Sep 1832 Ire | D- 6 Jan 1925 MS |
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| (3508) VANCE, Thomas F                  | B- Ire            | D- MS            |                | (3509) UNK, Margaret     | B-Abt 1796 Ire    | D-               |

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| (2978) GROVE, Ernest A  | B-10 Aug 1920 IL | D-               | M- 1 Aug 1941    | (2979) TOELSTEDE, Elsie | B-19 Apr 1924 IL | D-               |
| (2980) GROVE, Charles A | B-30 Aug 1883 IL | D-30 Aug 1960 IL | M- 1 Mar 1904    | (2981) HALL, Mary M     | B-18 Dec 1885 IN | D-31 May 1973 IL |
| (2982) HALL, Andrew W   | B-30 Aug 1842 IN | D- 2 Sep 1925 IL | M-26 May 1869    | (2983) SPILLER, Ruth A  | B-11 Oct 1852 OH | D-31 May 1930 IL |
| (6204) HALL, Lewis B    | B-               | D-               | M-29 Nov 1852 IN | (6179) VANCE, Sibby A   | B- Sep 1809 TN   | D-28 Jul 1862 IN |
| (6148) VANCE, Thomas    | B-Bef 1785 VA    | D-Abt 1835 IN    | M-12 Jan 1804 TN | (6149) LEWIS, Sudney    | B-Abt 1780 TN    | D-               |

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| (6570) LYNCH, James R      | B-21 Jan 1922 CA | D-               | M-30 Jul 1948 CA | (6571) WISECARVER, Shirl | B-               | D-               |
| (6568) LYNCH, Orville R    | B- 8 Nov 1896 CA | D-21 Jun 1930 CA | M-15 Jun 1921 CA | (6569) STURGILL, Evelyn  | B- 6 Oct 1899 CA | D- 2 Nov 1993 CA |
| (6567) LYNCH, James R      | B- 7 Mar 1867 NV | D- 9 Apr 1948 CA | M- 6 Oct 1895 CA | (6566) HOLDERNESS, Stell | B- 9 Mar 1879 IL | D-               |
| (3496) HOLDERNESS, William | B-10 Feb 1844 OH | D-12 Jun 1926 CA | M- 1 Nov 1873    | (3497) VANCE, Leona B    | B- 2 Jun 1853 IL | D- 4 Jul 1926 CA |
| (3498) VANCE, David        | B-22 Apr 1824 OH | D-20 Dec 1905 IL | M-20 Sep 1845    | (3499) WIKOFF, Emma H    | B-17 Apr 1826 OH | D-23 Aug 1907    |
| (2338) VANCE, John S Sr    | B-11 Sep 1769 VA | D- 1 Aug 1835 OH | M- 9 Apr 1802 OH | (875 ) MCGOVNEY, Margare | B-26 May 1783 VA | D- 5 Aug 1835 OH |

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| (6547) PENNYCOOK, William MB- | 8 Aug 1915 NJ    | D- 9 May 1959 KY | M-23 Dec 1943 TN | (6507) VANCE, Whitney H  | B-31 May 1921 KY | D-               |
| (6546) VANCE, Leslie M        | B- 3 Jan 1879 KY | D-12 Dec 1941 KY | M-27 Mar 1899 TN | (6545) MCCUBBIN, Martha  | B-17 Nov 1879 KY | D- 2 Jun 1961 KY |
| (6602) VANCE, Elam L          | B-25 Apr 1838 KY | D-16 Jan 1933 KY |                  | (6603) CANTRELL, Nannie  | B-25 May 1862    | D-17 May 1887 KY |
| (6604) VANCE, William T       | B- 1830 KY       | D-               | M-21 Mar 1852    | (6605) PERKINS, Mary A   | B-11 Nov 1831 KY | D- 6 Aug 1906 KY |
| (6606) VANCE, William Jr      | B-               | D-               |                  | (6607) CAVEN/CAVIN, Naom | B-               | D-               |

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**NEW AND REVISED VFA PEDIGREES**

**SKILDUM, Roger G**

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| (6799) SKILDUM, Roger G  | B- 6 Apr 1953 WI | D-               | M-15 Sep 1973 WI | (6800) LEIS, Debra R    | B-               | D-               |
| (6820) SKILDUM, Ernest L | B- 3 Feb 1917 WI | D-               | M-19 Apr 1939 WI | (6821) WITCRAFT, Faye E | B-31 Oct 1919 WI | D-28 Jul 1994 WI |
| (6801) SKILDUM, Nels     | B- 3 Sep 1872 WI | D-28 Jan 1958 WI | M-18 Jan 1899 WI | (6802) VANCE, Ettie L   | B- 6 Oct 1879 WI | D- 7 Jun 1964 WI |
| (6803) VANCE, John M     | B-15 Aug 1842 IN | D-28 Jan 1920 WI | M-18 Mar 1863 WI | (6804) CURTIS, Mary A   | B-               | D-               |
| (6805) VANCE, Alexander  | B-14 Mar 1814 VA | D-30 Jan 1885 WI | M-14 Mar 1839 IN | (6806) SLOANE, Susan    | B-10 Aug 1820 IN | D-23 Nov 1901 WI |

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| (6564) VANCE, Joe M                     | B-26 Jan 1958 MS  | D-               | M-11 May 1985  | (6565) MATHIS, Dorothy L | B- 1 Dec 1958 VA  | D-               |
| (6562) VANCE, Marzene C                 | B-29 Sep 1936 MS  | D-               |                | (6563) SMITH, Marguerite | B-11 Nov 1935 MS  | D-               |
| (6560) VANCE, Robert T                  | B-23 Mar 1912 MS  | D-26 Feb 1959 MS |                | (6561) CLARK, Adelia R   | B-20 Jul 1910     | D-               |
| (1232) VANCE, Ruben T                   | B-                | D-               |                | (1233) MABRY, Ludie H    | B-27 Apr 1889 MS  | D- 4 Jan 1975 MS |
| (354) VANCE, William J                  | B-14 Mar 1856 MS  | D- 1924 MS       | M-25 Jan 1879  | (355) MASSINGALE, Eliza  | B- 1860           | D- 1946          |
| (3418) VANCE, David F                   | B- 9 May 1825 Ire | D-17 Oct 1911 MS | M- Mar 1850 MS | (3419) VANCE, Margaret   | B- 7 Sep 1832 Ire | D- 6 Jan 1925 MS |
| (3416) VANCE, James                     | B-Abt 1795 Ire    | D-               | M-Abt 1817 Ire | (3417) MCCANNON, Ann     | B-Abt 1795 Ire    | D-               |
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| (3508) VANCE, Thomas F                  | B- Ire            | D-               | MS             | (3509) UNK, Margaret     | B-Abt 1796 Ire    | D-               |

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| (6581) VANCE, John D III | B-            | D- |               | (6580) VEAZEY, Martha L  | B- | D- |
| (6579) VANCE, John D Jr  | B-            | D- | M-25 Nov 1950 | (6578) ANGELL, Nora M    | B- | D- |
| (6576) VANCE, John D     | B-            | D- |               | (6574) DAVIDSON, Jeannet | B- | D- |
| (6573) VANCE, David G    | B-14 May 1862 | D- | M- 8 Apr 1885 |                          |    |    |
| (6572) VANCE, John       | B- Sco        | D- |               |                          |    |    |

**Miscellaneous**

**Robert B. Vance**, VFA Member and immediate past president of the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution, writes that he has received our donation of the complete set of newsletters and indexes. He will have them bound and placed in the SAR National Library in February, 1995. They are to be presented at their next Trustees Meeting. I might add that Bob was more than generous in his donations toward this project.

He mentions that he would like to see more VFA members on the Vance line with their lineage proven and established in the SAR and DAR. The Daughters of the American Revolution currently have 32 Soldiers and Patriots of the Vance line who are proven to have served in the American Revolution. Bob volunteers to help any VFA member prove to a current line or establish a new line. He is helping me (editor, Bruce Vance) prove my connection to my great-great-grandfather, John Mintun, a proven Revolutionary Soldier so consider your non-Vance relatives as well. We will run a list of the 32 Vance veterans in a later issue.

**Blair's Book Service**, Windyedge, Route 2, Box 186-A, Woodstock, VA 22664-9542 specializes in Research Guides, References, Family Histories, Genealogies, Local Histories and Vital Records. They have an interesting concept going, you can connect to their service via your computer. (You can, of course, deal with them through the mail.) You can browse the available books by subject, location or other parameters. It is possible to post notes requesting information on books that are out of print or that you can't locate. Others using the modem connection (BBS) often help find the publication and Blair's may suggest other sources or alternate sources. To hook up dial (703) 459-5898, settings are (N - 8 - 1).

**Obituaries**

Our condolences to VFA member and former Treasurer, Maurice Vance of Tallahassee, Florida on the passing of his wife, Pat, on October 3rd of this year. Maurice and Pat enjoyed 50 years of marriage.

Ralph Holton Vance, 86, brother of VFA member Walter Virgil Vance. October 5, 1994, Archdale, North Carolina. Our sympathies to Walter.





### Queries

Can anyone help me with regard to a James Vance, who died in Frederick Co., Virginia in 1762? His will was dated 21 Jan, and the probate date was 2 Mar 1762. He had sons John and Samuel, and daughters Easter and Margaret - and the son John was married to a Jane by 1769. I have searched for about ten years for the ancestry of MY root - John Vance (born about 1745 and died Topsham, Orange, VT before 25 May 1801), whose wife WAS Jane - and I think that this might just be the right family. Does this James ring any bells with anyone?  
**Marjorie Rice, 2419 Chevy Chase Drive, Joliet, IL 60435**

Searching for Marie Vance, b 4 Aug 1912/1915. Lived in Butte, Montana went to Utah about 1932. May have ended up in Idaho. Possibly still living. Any information or clues would be appreciated.  
**Bill Straley, 980 N 200 E, Logan UT., 84321, (801)752-9050**

The Property Tax List of Scott Co., KY prior to 1803 lists only Samuel Vance. For 1803 lists only Ann Vance. After 1803 lists only William Vance. If anyone has an idea who the Samuel, Ann and William Vance are and/or how they relate, please contact me.  
**Jean Vance, 3451 Papaya St., St. James City, FL. 33956, (813)283-5060.**

My ancestor Alexander Vance, b 14 Mar 1814, may have been the son of either Robert Vance or Andrew Vance of Frederick Co., VA as I believe he was born in that county and Robert and Andrew had sons around that age per the 1820 census. Does anyone have any additional information that would help me confirm or disprove my theory. Alexander married Susan Sloan, b 10 Aug 1820, Sullivan Co., IN. They had three children and later settled in Vernon Co., WI.  
**Roger Skildum, 737 Dahlgren Rd. Dahlgren VA, 22448, (703)663-0845**

Oliver Vance and Martha Stuart were married 14 April 1806, probably in or near Dromore Parish, County Down, Ireland, as their third child Jane was born there. Jane and husband James Clark came on a sailing vessel in 1835 to Canada, with one year old Hannah. They lived in Quebec, Canada 1835-61, other places in Canada, and finally in East Jordan, Michigan where Jane died 1899. There were other Vance's there. Were they related? Have names of Jane's siblings and some marriage dates, but no spouse name.  
**Gloria Harrington, 1208 McCulloch Blvd. S. Lake Havasu, City, AZ 86406-8963.**

Wish additional information of James Vance of record having letters at post offices: 3 Jan 1760 Naghram, Philadelphia, PA and James Vance of Philadelphia 3 Jan 1776. See April 1994 NL pg. 58.  
**Kathleen Mason, 4213 East Ridge Dr., Jackson, MS. 39211.**

John Vance was born in Edinburgh, Scotland, landed in the USA, settled in Pittsburgh, PA. His son David Guile Vance was born May 14, 1862, and the family moved to Fenimore, Wisconsin. David G. Vance married Jeannete "Jessie" Davidson of Mt. Hope, Wisconsin, and they later moved near Mason City, Iowa with their three sons, Robert A., John D., and William Ross. Seek kinsmen of emigrant John Vance.  
**John D. Vance, 112 W. Main St., Apt. 1-4, Leesburgh, FL 34748**

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Seek family connection of Sarah Lavenia Vance born 17 Jan 1859/60, perhaps in Washington Co. Va. She married William Clemons and they died in Washington Co. Va., buried Glade Springs, VA. Her parents were James A. Vance and Mary Martin.

**Mary Wilcox Herrin, 205 Averett Ave., Enterprise, AL 36330.**

Would like to correspond with any descendants of Robert Vance/#1.Eliz Pearce/#2.Lucinda Trussell of Scott Co., KY. They later were in Jennings Co., IN.

**Jean Vance, 3451 Papaya St., St. James City, FL. 33956, (813)283-5060.**

Vance Family Gathering ca 1900 at Phillipsburg, near Lebanon in Laclede Co., MO.

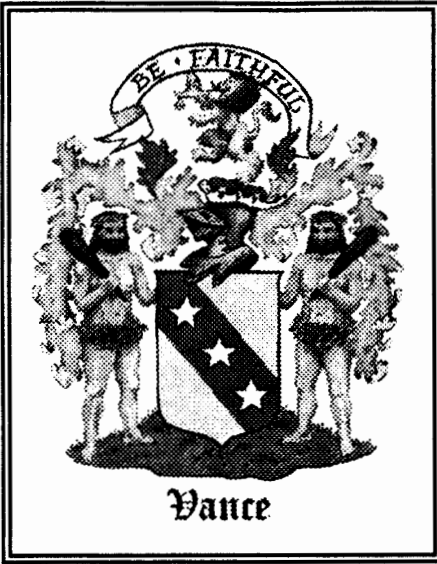


My grandfather and grandmother, Belle Hawkins Vance and Thomas Marion Vance, are #3 & #4 from the left in the rear row. My father, Clarence Nicholas Vance, is the second child from the right in the front row. I believe my great-grandfather, George Washington Vance, is #8 from the left in the rear row. Others are probably Vance cousins, Hawkin's, Patton's and Kissees. Would appreciate any help on this line of Vance's. [For a better copy of the picture send a self-addressed stamped envelope to the editor]

**Gene F. Vance, 8346 Southmeadow Circle, Dallas, TX, 75231, (214)341-0786**

Have hit a dead end with my great-grandfather, David Vance MD, who married Suzanne Rogan. My grandfather, William, was born in 1853 so David and Suzanne would have been married around that date. I have no information on David and Suzanne so all leads will help.

**Mary Vance Chesnut, 4527 S Hudson Pl, Tulsa, OK 74135-6520, (918)627-7837**



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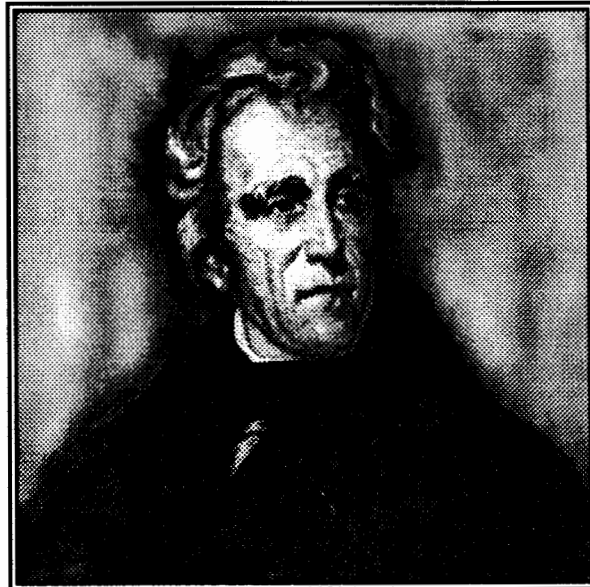
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## ***Andrew Jackson***

***Seventh President of the United States of America***



## ***A Vance Descendant***

*(See Article on Page 68)*

*A Salute To The VFA Founders  
On Completion Of Our First Decade*



*The above photograph was taken at an organizational meeting August 5, 1985 in Washington D.C. Left to right, Kathleen Mason, Richard Vance, Marilyn Muller and Vance Voss Smith.*

*The Vance Family Association*

*GOAL: To research and record the origins of the Vance Family.*

*PURPOSE: Collect literary, historical, and genealogical records and relics relating to the Vance families. To preserve this collection in an established Vance Family archive.*

*THE VFA is non-profit, non-political, non-discriminatory and non-sectarian. Members receive quarterly newsletters which include articles by the Association Historian, selected summarized pedigrees, queries and research items of interest from other members.*

*New members are encouraged to submit pedigree charts of their Vance lines. The VFA will provide pedigree sheets and assistance in completion.*

*National biannual conferences meetings are held to elect officers, conduct necessary business and allow members to meet in person.*

*Membership is annually renewable on the first of January each year. Late memberships of any year will receive all back issues for that given year of membership. Membership dues paid after October 1st will become active on January 1 of the following year unless otherwise noted.*

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## *President-Editor's Message*

And the Vance Family Association enters the second decade of its existence. It is traditional for the incoming president to thank the outgoing president for his/her contribution. I would like to include all the founders of the VFA in my note of appreciation. So thank you Bill Huss, Vance Voss Smith, Marilyn Muller, Richard Vance and Kathleen Mason. Another note of appreciation is due those many researchers who continually supply our historian with excellent Vance material. Add to the list the generous volunteers who have compiled and typed the Subject Indexes and Name Indexes. We have come a long way from the five page newsletter of February 1985. My goal as your new president will be to keep us 'on track' and pointed towards an equally successful second ten years.

**Nashville Meeting.** We had a lively meeting in Tennessee, highlighted by a bus tour of the city and a walking tour of the Hermitage. At the Saturday evening dinner we were treated to an absorbing talk by Sharon Macpherson the Hermitage historian. She discussed aspects of life at the Hermitage that were unique and some entertaining features of restoration.

Betty Silfies kindly sent Kathleen her original painting of Dirleton Castle in Scotland for display at our meeting. This was a huge attraction and many members took pictures of the painting.

Not too surprisingly, the four candidates on the ballot were elected. I will have to admit that before even considering running for President, I asked Kathleen Mason if she would continue as Historian. Obviously, she gracefully accepted the challenge.

Mary Vance Norfleet has accepted the position of Associate Historian. Mary has been a major contributor to Vance research since joining the VFA. We are fortunate to have her join the other two talented Associate Historians, Virginia Vance Lovett and Grace Vance Dotson.

The 1997 meeting will be held in San Antonio, Texas. We will be moving the date to late April or early May. The weather should be a bit cooler and travel conditions less congested. The leading candidate for the 1999 meeting is currently Cincinnati, Ohio. Also, we are considering a research trip to Salt Lake City and a VFA tour of Williamsburg, Virginia for the off years. A 1998 European excursion is in need of a Coordinator.

Details of the Saturday business meeting will be reported by the Secretary in a later issue.

**Tartan.** Some of the articles have shipped already. The Tartan is much more attractive than the color photo sample. Future ordering information will be supplied in the October newsletter. Thanks from all of us to Mark Vance.

**Software.** My comments on the software available for recording your family lineage has created quite a bit of interest. Several folks have contacted me about Family Tree Maker and I received the following from Wayne Wilson on Brother's Keeper.

"I was interested in your comments on software. I agree with your three preliminary guidelines. However in some cases a well supported system may be available as shareware for trial purposes. It provides an inexpensive way to sample. As you point out the support available for the commercial version is an important consideration. I have had 3 versions of Brother's Keeper, the latest being 5.2. I have had no problems with any of them. While some of the versions may have fixed problems I am unaware of, the main changes seem to be adding features and improvements in ease of use. PAF is still my master system. I use Brother's Keeper for reports and printouts not available with PAF using GEDCOM to transfer data between the two. Thus, I do not have much experience with entering data manually."

Thanks for the input Wayne, sounds like Brother's Keeper is a reliable product.

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Back to Family Tree Maker. I purchased the 2.01 deluxe CD Windows version and have converted my personal genealogy from PAF to FTM. That happened without a hitch. FTM produced a list of problems that it encountered during the conversion. There were only two or three items and they were my 'garbage' that I hadn't cleaned up. I haven't spent a lot of time with FTM but what I have seen so far, I like. It took me awhile to get used to moving around in the new software. With FTM I was a beginner, once again. Getting past that I ran across some excellent features.

- You can apply notes to a marriage (in PAF they have to be with the individual).
- There are categories of notes: facts, nicknames, medical, special relationships and addresses.
- There are great options for fonts, borders and shading as well as custom reporting.
- The ancestor and descendant charts can be made very attractive.
- There is a quick search on name from a table. A pick list style.
- You can add pictures and sound to an individual. However, this requires a large hard drive.
- There are research aids on the CD such as an index to the Social Security Death Index. (Yes, an index to an index) and indexes of some census records, mortality tables and other sources. I am sure this feature will be expanded making it even more useful.

So far I have found the following negative. All my RIN's (a number assigned by PAF to each individual) disappeared during the conversion. I thought I had selected an option of keeping the numbers but can't locate them. This number is vital to the VFA database as we have many common names and refer to them with their RIN to ensure accuracy. FTM appears not to assign a unique number to each individual but it has a place to enter a reference number manually. This makes it difficult to use for a large, organization database. Other than that restriction, I have no hesitation about recommending Family Tree Maker version 2.01. We now need someone to submit their opinion on 'Roots.'

**Membership.** Our sponsorship of local libraries and genealogical societies by the membership has stopped after a good, fast start. During our Nashville meeting we were privileged to visit the Tennessee State Archives. They have up to date, comprehensive records for researchers. But they don't have the VFA newsletter! I'll kick it off again by sponsoring the Southern Ohio Genealogical Society in Hillsboro, Ohio. Please consider sponsoring a source in your state. The Allen County Library (Indiana) wrote that they appreciated our newsletter and would dearly love to have the back issues. Maybe a couple of you can split the cost. See the new product list for price of a ten year set.

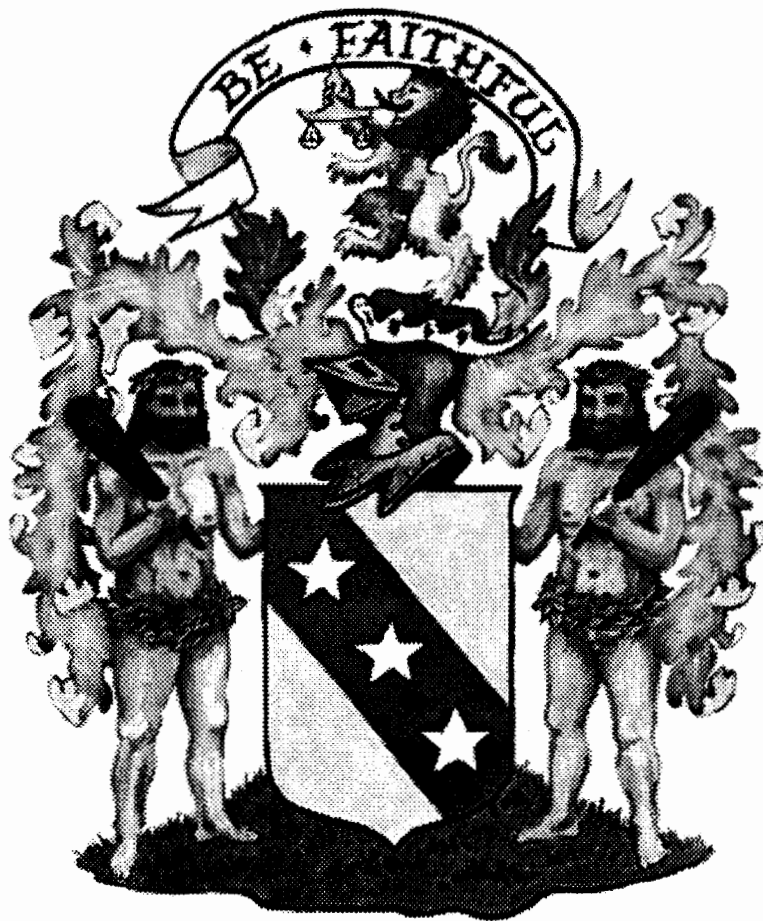
**Database.** We are closing in on 8000 names. The early family count continues to grow, there were a lot of Vances in Colonial America. Our historian feels we will be tying some key families together in the near future. If you haven't submitted your early Vance (1840 and earlier) sibling sheets take a minute or two and get them in now. We could use a volunteer who would cross check the historical newsletter material to the database looking for missing early Vance lines. I would supply either printed lists from the database or a computer based list. Drop me a line if your interested.

*Enuff, go plant a tree and find an ancestor,  
Bruce*

***If you have received an unusable video tape of the VFA tours, please return it and we will gladly replace it with a good copy.***

### *Introducing the Vance Family Association Coat of Arms*

Thanks to the artistic efforts of VFA member Betty Silfies we have our own coat of arms. Betty and Kathleen Mason decided to use the Barnbarroch coat of arms as a base to take advantage of the familiarity. Three stars were used rather than one to represent a connection to the family but not to the main line. Be faithful remains a mutual motto.



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This coat of arms represents all branches of the Vance family regardless of the name origin. Thus it covers our roots in all of Europe. As a Vance descendant feel free to copy and use the VFA Coat of Arms. Neither Betty Silfies nor the VFA reserve any copyrights or other restrictions. We do ask that if you do not alter the picture if referring to it as being the VFA Coat of Arms.

Betty Silfies will paint an original on parchment for framing and wall display. She can be reached 3023 Livingston, Allentown, PA 18104, 610-434-3831 for prices and other details. See the product list for color copies.



ANDREW JACKSON

By Kathleen Mason

For some years I have wished to write a comprehensive article on Andrew Jackson and his connection to the Vance family. There simply has not been enough research time. However, since the recent VFA meeting in Nashville and the visit to his home The Hermitage, I feel compelled to print just a teaser article concerning some specific time frames of his life.

The Vance Connection William Balbirnie wrote an eighty page book on the history of the Vance Family, An Account Historical & Genealogical From The Earliest Date Till The Present Time of the Family of Vance in Ireland, Vans in Scotland, Anciently Vaux in Scotland & England & Originally deVaux in France, Latin DeVallibus printed in 1860. This quest for his family history was at the request of his brother Robert Anstruther Balbirnie, who legally had his name changed and added Vance, but used the Scottish spelling of Vans. William Balbirnie's book concluded that Andrew Jackson's mother was Elizabeth Vance, daughter of John Vance of Coagh, Ireland. In his book page 37 he states that John Vance, who obtained a lease of a tract of land under the Act of Settlement in the Townland of Coagh had ...four sons... three daughters ..."the other married Andrew Jackson, of Magherafelt, who emigrated to America, and there gave birth to Andrew Jackson, the General, late President of the United States..."

Page 41 he states ".....It is worthy of note respecting the two Messrs. William Vance of Antrim (the cousins we have just referred to) that they are the only persons we have ever met, who had an exact knowledge of the origin of the family in Great Britain. We have rarely met a Vance who did not express a distinct knowledge that the family of Ireland originally came from Scotland, but the Messrs. Vance, of Antrim, told us the family was originally French and all in England were descended from three brothers who came to England with William the Conqueror - that their authority was the late William Vance, father of the one, and uncle of the other. This old gentleman we very well knew - remember first to have seen him about or before the year 1830, when he paid a visit to our parents in Glasgow, staying with us for two or three weeks. Our mother highly esteemed her second cousin, and he was a wondrous favourite with ourself, and we doubt not the rest of our brothers and father, we had subsequently the pleasure two or three times to visit him in Antrim, and found him exceedingly intelligent and entertaining. It is further worthy of note that his wife, the daughter of Margaret Vance, used to speak to her children of the Jacksons in Tubbermore and Fortwilliam, near Magherafelt, and that she was cousin to them. This is the family of whom General Andrew Jackson was a member, who was cousin german to our grandfather, John, and to his brother, Alderman James Vance, of course."

He was not alone in his family with the knowledge of a kinship to President Andrew Jackson. His brother Robert Anstruther Balbirnie-Vans died in 1851 before the project was completed and before he paid his brother for his work. Robert had moved to Australia and had returned to Ireland/Scotland for a visit. After his visit he returned to Australia and suddenly died. He had been quite successful in Australia and his real estate endeavors in Australia added more weight to the Vance-Jackson connection. See Newsletter July 1989, pg. 87/9.

Robert Anstruther Balbirnie-Vans developed some land in Australia, and to show the family history and sentiments, he laid out a subdivision, and named one street **George Street**, the next street **Washington Street**, the next street **Andrew Street**, and the next street **Jackson Street**. In his book Balbirnie explains that his grandfather Vance in Ireland had intended to go to the United States. However, when the American war broke out, an embargo prevented him from emigrating. When his only son was born he named him **George Washington Vance**. This was a statement of his feelings about not being able to leave. This George Washington Vance was the uncle of William Balbirnie and Robert Anstruther Balbirnie-Vans. The names of the streets in the subdivision in Australia give a very strong statement of the family's known family history that Andrew Jackson was a part of the Vance family. See plat at end of article.



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When William Balbirnie came to the United States in the early 1770's, he was utterly appalled to find printed that President Jackson's mother was known as Elizabeth Hutchinson. He wrote a 68 page legal size manuscript<sup>1</sup> concerning same. He knew the strong family legend, with Jackson at nearby Magherafelt area. His manuscript concerning the ancestry of Andrew Jackson was almost identical to his original work, but much more was added. I do not know if before his death he realized he was merely off a generation because of the duplicate names.

My personal novice conclusion is that because of the duplicate names of Andrew and Elizabeth, that William Balbirnie was off one generation, i.e. Andrew Jackson Sr. married Elizabeth Vance, daughter of John of Coagh of Ireland, and they had a son Andrew Jackson Jr. who married Elizabeth Hutchinson. Elizabeth Hutchinson is generally accepted as the mother of President Andrew Jackson.

American Patriot (1981) by Ronald Vern Jackson pg. 102, shows Elizabeth Vance, daughter of John of Coagh, Tyrone, Ireland married to Andrew Jackson, and their son Andrew Jackson married Elizabeth Hutchinson, parents of President Andrew Jackson.

Mormon Fiche 6026027, Vital Records Ballinderry, Lower Cumber, Tamlaght, Northern Ireland, pg. 1-29 confirms that during William Balbirnie's young lifetime and prior to the time he compiled his book in 1860 there were indeed Jacksons in the community near Coagh.

Magherafelt Church confirmed:

Eliza Jackson, age 14 - 1833 (born 1812)  
Robert Jackson age 18½ - 1856 (born 1838)  
Jemima Jackson age 14¼ - 1856 (born 1842)  
Eliza Brasford Jackson age 20 - 1856 (born 1830)  
William Jackson age 16 - 1859 (born 1843)  
Eliza Jackson age 16 - 1859 (born 1843)  
Eliza J. Jackson age 15¼ - 1859 (born 1844).

Parish Ballinderry, County of Londonderry & Tyrone, Diocese Armagh, N. Ireland

George, son of William & Mary Jackson baptized 15 February 1815  
Theresa, daughter of William & Mary Jackson baptized 7 January 1831

Rectors of Ballinderry & Tamlaght

John Joseph Jackson 1856/51, Curate. He was Rector from 1851/95.

Baptisms at Tamlaght 1843/4

June 9, 1842, Samuel, son of Samuel and Mary Vance of Coagh. Occupation of the Father: Police.  
See NL July 1989 pg. 91/2 for inscription and photo of Vance monument at above parish church.

There are conflicting legends about Andrew's age. Some years ago, VFA member Virginia Roach referred me to Allan W. Eckert's book The Frontiersmen. The following is a partial quote from his notes, pg. 706. I have personally verified the contents quoted by John H. James in Draper MSS Roll 78 Vol. 5 BB, pg. 79 and 125.

"Despite claims by some biographers that Andrew Jackson was born in the Waxhaws District, Lancaster County, South Carolina, on March 15, 1767, there is good cause to believe this to be erroneous and that Jackson was, in fact, born at sea while his parents, Andrew and Elizabeth Hutchinson Jackson, were immigrating to America from County Antrim, Ireland, thus making him legally ineligible for the office of President of the United States, which he later assumed. Simon Kenton, in his own reminiscences, given verbally to Judge John James, who took them down in writing in Kenton's home in 1833, discussed his meeting and fighting with Andrew Jackson in the autumn of 1779. At different points in this narration, Kenton told Judge James that (1) "Jackson was certainly twenty-odd years at that time" and (2) "Jackson was one

<sup>1</sup>General Andrew Jackson and His Mother, Who and Whence Were They, by William Balbirnie, hand written unpublished manuscript. Original owned by Kathleen Mason. Copy has been presented The Papers of Andrew Jackson, The University of Tennessee, Knoxville, TN.

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year older or younger than myself, I don't remember which." This would, of course, mean that Andrew Jackson was born in either 1754 or 1756. General Henry Lee in his notes in the Draper Collection fully corroborates Kenton's company during that encounter in 1779. Had Jackson been born, as biographers claim, in 1767, he would at this time have been only 12 years old and hardly apt to have been in command of a team of packhorse men (all of whom he had allegedly whipped) and employed in running the North Carolina/Virginia survey line..."

In 1985 I was in contact with Harold D. Moser, Editor-Director of The Papers of Andrew Jackson, The University of Tennessee, Knoxville, TN.. He concluded in his letter to me 17 August 1985, that the Andrew Jackson that Simon Kenton referred to was another Andrew Jackson. Much research has been done trying to resolve this conflict. He sent me a copy of The Other Andrew Jackson by Elliis Munson Goodwin, pg. 89/90 from National Genealogical Society Quarterly, June 1971, which states that two young men named Andrew Jackson lived for some years after the Revolution in the Salisbury area of North Carolina. One was Andrew the student who by 1787 held a license to practice law in Surry County, and was later to become President Andrew Jackson. The other was an assistant surveyor who by was on the Randolph County 1779 tax list on William Cole's list. By 1800 he lived in Randolph County with a large family. It was this Andrew, the surveyor, who left a record of unpaid tavern bills and questionable conduct, and whose deeds enlivened the pages of the many volumes written about President Andrew Jackson. This really seems to resolve this conflict by the simple matter of two men having the same name, and one later became president. Some chose to try to give the mis-deeds of the older Andrew Jackson to the younger one who became president.

Another legend concerning the life of Andrew Jackson that may be questionable concerns an inheritance. The American Presidents by David C. Whitney, pg. 67 states "At sixteen he unexpectedly received an inheritance of between £300 and £400 from his grandfather, a well-to-do merchant who had died in Ireland. But instead of purchasing a farm or going to college, the boy squandered the money on clothes, horse races, dice, and the gay life of the taverns of Charleston, South Carolina."

The above transaction does not seem possible, since he was a minor. If he did indeed inherit money the funds would have been placed in a guardianship for him and not handed over to him.

Mr. Moser in his letter to me 6 Nov. 1985 seems to think this legend began with Augustus Carey Buell, in his two volume History of Andrew Jackson, which showed not a single document as evidence to any of his stories about Andrew Jackson. Several authors quoted him, and the legend continued on, without any documentation of foundation. Buell may have gotten the idea about Andrew Jackson's inheritance from the letter from William McCully, an alleged cousin of Andrew Jackson, who took it upon himself to 'trace the ancestry of President Andrew Jackson' and take it to America to him. I had Kathleen Neill, Chief Executive of Irish Heritage Association to do research in Ireland in an attempt to find the document that would show Andrew Jackson inherited from his grandfather. She was our Vance Tour Leader at the 1984 trip to Scotland and Ireland. She could find nothing regarding an inheritance. I gave her the name of George Birch, document attested 29 Sept. 1821 as shown in National Genealogical Society Quarterly, sent to me by VFA member Liz Gordon years ago. Kathleen Neill did find reference to George Birch, but not in connection with any inheritance. It seems from a careful study of McCulley's letter, that Birch merely attested the signature of McCulley. There was no real reference to any documentation and date regarding an inheritance. So, the story about Andrew Jackson receiving £300 or £400 inheritance in Charleston and blowing it seems to have no foundation. It just added more 'color' to his character, and unfortunately the legend continued to be printed.

Perhaps these references will correct the legends that have been printed about Andrew Jackson that are of interest to the Vance family. If you have further documentation, please share.

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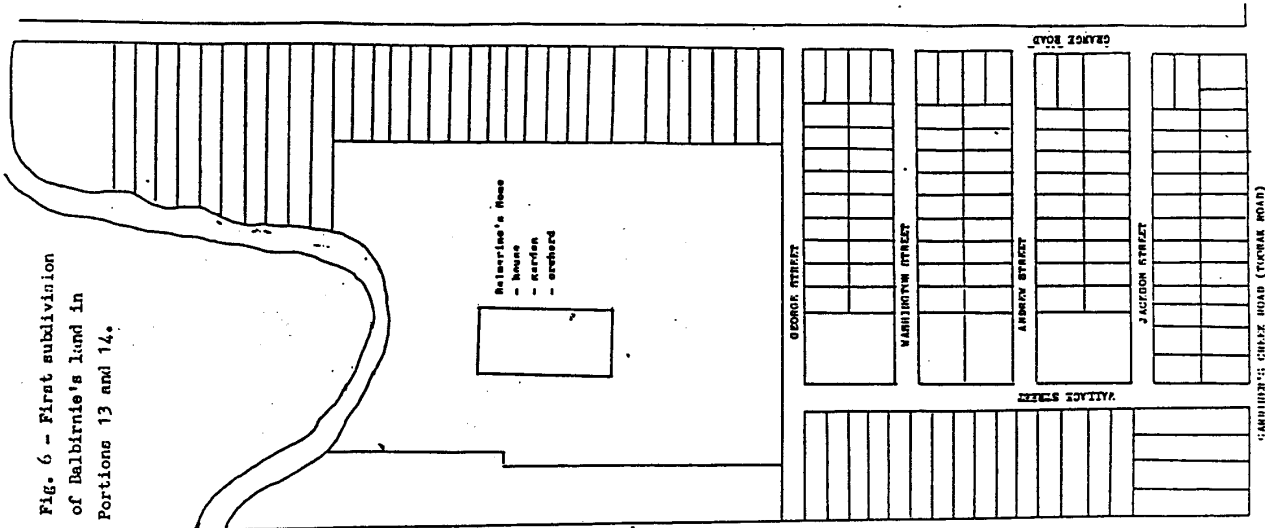


Fig. 6 - First subdivision of Balbirnie's land in Portions 13 and 14.

Please note the names of the streets after U. S. Presidents: George Street and Washington Street, named after Robert A. Balbirnie's Uncle George Washington Vance, who was named after President George Washington. Also, Andrew Street and Jackson Street, named after President Andrew Jackson, descendant of John Vance of Coagh, Ireland, according to the Vance family oral legend, as given in William Balbirnie's book, and evidenced by the naming of these streets in Australia.  
- Research of Les Schumer (deceased) sent to Kathleen Mason.

### THE ANACONDA STANDARD NEWSPAPER

June 3, 1902

Research of Ada Powell, 142 Uurtz Lane, Hamilton MT 59840

#### "HICKORY JIM," THE JOCKEY OLD COLORED MAN NOW IN KENTUCKY KNOWS THEM.

Commands at His Tongue's End the Names of All the Famous Horses of Early Times—Was a Clever Rider Himself.

"Hickory Jim," who is undoubtedly the oldest negro handler of horses in America, arrived in Louisville the other day from his home at Nashville, and is at the race track. What his real name is seems to be a matter of doubt, though he admits that he is known only as "Hickory Jim," and every turf man in the West and Southwest has heard of him. He says that he is 83 years of age, and though in a good state of preservation, appears to be every year of what he claims.

"Law, boy," he said in a reminiscent mood, "I've done an' rid horses for Murse Gen'l Andy Jackson when he had a stable bofe befo' he was president and afterwards. I wasn't nuthin' but a little stable boy then. I never got to ride no mounts in da races, but was only an exercise boy. I b'longed to a gent'man by the name of O'Connor in slave times; family live in Nashville to this day. I took to ridin' the horses so much an' wasn't no yearlyly count at nuthin' else that the old marse he jest turned me over to turfmen, so they get what I could. When I weigh 75 pound's I 'member jes' as well marse sold me for \$750. Ten dollars a pound, tyant so bad, was it?" and the old man chuckled. "That's how much they

thought o' me as a stable boy. I live up to 'speculations, for I turns out to be a good jockey, an' rode for long time till I got too heavy."

"Hickory Jim" has at his tongue's end the names of the many horses that he rode while a jockey. He named them over as glibly as if the races occurred last week instead of more than half a century ago. Some of them were famous horses in their day, and several of them belonged to the string of Andrew Jackson, who, as history shows, took a keen interest in turf matters during most of his life. Among the horses "Hickory Jim" rode was the famous stallion Boston, who, when the old negro was but a boy of 14, attained his greatest fame.

"I wasn't his regular jockey," explained Jim. "I was too young a brat fur to han'le such a big race in his races then. I only exercised an' worked him when they was trainin' him fur some of his meetin's."

"Hickory Jim," along with his turf experiences during the days of Andrew Jackson, remembers very well the duel which the redoubtable old warrior for president fought with young Dickerson, which resulted in the death of the latter. Jim was with Jackson's race horses at the time, and though he did not see the encounter he relates some very interesting minor details of the affair which history does not record.

"Hickory Jim" was in Louisville and witnessed the famous race in which the stallion Gray Eagle took part. He also saw a number of the other turf contests in Louisville of early times, both before the track was at its present location and afterward. Jim refers to them as recent events.



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**SOME VANCE REFERENCES FROM THE DRAPER MANUSCRIPT**

ITEM ON DR. PATRICK VANCE TAKEN FROM THE DRAPER MANUSCRIPTS 5 XX 15  
From the Medical & Physical Journal, 1806, Part II, Vol II  
NASHVILLE, APRIL 10th, 1806 - - pp. 27-30

Remarks on the management of the scalped head. By Dr. Mr. James Robertson, of Nashville in the State of Tennessee. Communicated to the Editor by Felix Robertson, MD, of Nashville.

In the year 1777, there was a Doctor Vance about the Long Island of Holston, who was there attending on the different garrisons, which were embodied on the then frontiers of Holston, to guard the inhabitants against the depredations of the Cherokee Indians. This Doctor Vance came from Augusta County, in Virginia. In March of the same year, Frederick Calvit was badly wounded and nearly the whole of his head skinned. Doctor Vance was sent for, and staid several days with him. The skull bone was quite naked, and begun to turn black in places, and, as Doctor Vance was about to leave Calvit he directed me, as I was stationed in the same fort with him, to bore his skull as it got black, and he bored a few holes himself to show the manner of doing it. I have found that a flat pointed straight awl is the best instrument to bore with, as the skull is thick, and somewhat difficult to penetrate. When the awl is nearly through, this instrument should be more lightly borne upon. The time to quit boring is when a reddish fluid appears on the point of the awl. I bore, first, about one inch apart, and, as the flesh appears to rise in these holes, I bore a number more between the first. The flesh will rise considerably above the skull and sometimes raise a black scale from it, about the thickness of common writing paper. it is well to assist in getting off the scales of bone with the awl. These scales are often as large as a dollar, and sometimes even twice as large.

It will take at least two weeks from the time of boring for it to scale. When the scale is taken off at the proper time, all beneath it will appear flesh like what we call proud-flesh, and as if there were no bone under it.

The awl may, at this time, and, indeed, for a considerable length of time, be forced through the flesh to the bone without the patient's feeling it; but after any part has united to that portion of the scalp which has remaining original skin it becomes immediately sensible to the touch.

The scalped head cures very slowly and if this kind of flesh rise in places higher than common, touch it with blue-stone water, dress it once or twice a day, putting a coat of lint over it every time you dress it, with a narrow plaster of ointment.

It skins remarkably slow, generally taking two years to cure up.

In the year 1781, David Hood was shot at this place with several balls and two scalps were taken off his head, and these took off nearly all the skin with had hair on it. I attended him, bored his skull, and removed from almost the whole of his head, such black scales as I have described above. It was three of four years before his head skinned over entirely; but he is now living, and is well.

In 1780, Richard Lancaster and Joel Staines were both wounded, scalped, and left for dead. These persons were under my directions, and their heads were bored as above described. They both got well, in the course of two years.

M. Baldwin and some others were scalped either in 1790 or 1791. Their skulls I also bored or directed to be done. They all recovered.

I never knew on that was scalped, and bored as above directed, that did not perfectly recover. There is always part of the scalped head over which but little or no hair afterwards grows.

In 1769, I saw a young man in South Carolina who had been scalped eight years before that time, and about twice the size of a dollar of the bone of his head was then perfectly bare, dry and black. I am persuaded that had his skull, even then, been bored, he might have recovered of the wound which put an end to his life about a year after I saw him, the naked portion of the bone having rotted, or mortified, and exposed the substance of his brain, a very considerable quantity of which issued out at the opening at his death.

- research of Mary Chestnut

**DRAPER MANUSCRIPTS VOL. 175-20J  
GEORGE ROGERS CLARK PAPERS**

A list of John Logan's company of militia in Kentucky County in the District of St. Asaph's (location today, near Lancaster, Lincoln County).

**APRILLY 19TH 1785 90 MEN INCLUDED:**

Joseph Vance John Vance

**BENJAMIN LOGAN BATTALION JULY 1780**

David Vance £171.00

**LIST NOT PAID OF JOHN BOWMAN'S COLLECTION FOR 1782**

Joseph Vance John Vance

**JOSEPH VANCE and JOHN VANCE LEVY TAX -- 6**

**A LIST OF TITHABLES TAKEN 1783 FROM CAPTAIN BARNETT - included**

**WHITES ABOVE 21**

Joseph Vance

**WHITES ABOVE 16**

John Vance

Copied 1794/5 by Virginia Lovett. These men appear to be sons of David Vance who died 1768 in Frederick County, Virginia.

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**UPDATE DONEGAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH RECORDS**

See April NL 1995, pg. 55, Research of Phyllis Worrell  
by Kathleen Mason

Phyllis found her letter from Mary E. Karnes with additional information Donegal Presbyterian Church Records on Joseph Vance and other Vances in this general area.

"Other than the one Vance buried which was Anna, wife of Joseph, I found only that Joseph was a trustee and that Anna was directress of the Donegal Female Religious Tract Society, probably a forerunner of the Woman's Missionary Society. That was in 1818 and she died in 1819."

"Some other Lancaster County references were: marriage of David Vance to Catharine Swiney 17 Apr 1777 and John Collins to Catharine Vance 29 July 1792, a marriage license 6 Dec 1797 issued to John Vance and Margaret McCullough. In Dauphine County David Vance was married to Isabella Lytle 26 Mar 1829."

"There was a Donegal baptism of Anna Mary Vance 1821. We have few baptismal records."

"At the Hanover (Dauphine Co.) Presbyterian Church, which is no longer in existence, Martha Vance was a member 1792-1827. A Charles Vance was an elder who attended Presbytery at Pequa in 1739, but no record as to what church he represented."

Genealogical Chart of Cooke family - -

Jane Cooke d/o James Cook #4 & Esther Galbraith married Joseph Vance. (no date)  
Jane was a sister of Samuel Cooke, and Anna was the widow of Samuel Cooke before marrying Joseph Vance."

[Comments on above chart: Jane Cooke married Joseph Vance<sup>3</sup> son of Joseph Vance<sup>2</sup>, son of Maj. William Vance<sup>1</sup>. They are both buried at Cross Creek Cemetery, PA. Jane's sister-in-law, Anna Cooke (maiden name unknown) married Joseph<sup>2</sup> as wife #2, and when she died she was not buried at Cross Creek, but at Donegal Presbyteriana Churchyard, beside her first husband Samuel Cooke. Joseph<sup>2</sup> and his first wife Ann Vance, and third wife Mary Moore are all buried with markers at Cross Creek. - km]

"Also: George Vance in 1777 took the Oath of Allegiance to the province along with other names predominatly Scotch-Irish. John Vance was a 'freeman' in 1780 in Manheim."

"Will Record: John Vance 1734 - A, p. 13

John Vance 1754 - B, p. 38

Intestate: Alexander Vance 1751

John Vance 1734

John Vance 1748

In this time period Lancaster County would have included Dauphin also."

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Phyllis also writes that she just received her great-grandmother's will - Caroline S. Vance, wife of Robert M. Vance. She wrote it at age 50 (1878) and died 1902 at 74 years. She never named her husband in the will but named nine children. It's surprising her estate wasn't settled until 1911, when 4 properties she had were sold at public sale. One parcel was bought by Phyllis' grandfather Charles Vance. Caroline's husband, Robert M. Vance died 1910, but there are no probate papers for him. These records are all at Lawrence Co. PA.

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**BEDFORD COUNTY, VIRGINIA COURT ORDER MINUTES**  
Research of Virginia Lovett

Bedford County was taken from Albermarle and Lunenburg 1753 but the Order Books didn't start until 1755, per Geneological Helper.

**LDS Film 030578, Order Book 1 (1754-1758).**

Pg. 1: **MDCCLIV, 27 May Court:** Wm. Galloway, John Payne, John Smith, Jr., Zack Isbel, Robert Page, Thos. Pullen & Edward Marion, Gnetlemen, and John Phelps, recording.

Pg. 2: Benjamin Howard, John Harvey, Matthew Talbot, 1st County Clerk, simutaneously with Phelps - 2 sets of books- 1754, John Anthony.

Pg. 12: **July Court:** Patton vs Vance. Baker vs Vance. Pe. Ind<sup>e</sup> for #3.1..0 1/2 costs & lawyer's fees. Absent John Sutton.

Pg. 14: **August Court:** George Walton, petitioner against John Vance, defendant.

Pg. 14 John Vance - plaintiff, against Charles A. Laughlin, defendant: Plaintiff represented by attorney - failed to appear - cost of court charged to him.

Pg. 15: Baker vs Vance, continued. Patton vs Vance.

Pg. 17: **Sept. 1754 Court:** Abraham Baker assigns of Robert Ewings who was assignee of Charles McLaughlin - Plaintiff against John Vance, deft. This day came as well the Plaintiff by his attorney and the Defendant in his Proper Person and the Defendant acknowledged the Plaintiff's action. Therefore it is so ordered by the Court that the Plaintiff recover against the Defendant Eleven Pounds the Debt in the Declaration mentioned and his cash by him is said in that Behalf Expended & the said Defendant in Mercy & Court, but this Judgement Except as to the Cash to be Levied with Interest thereon to be computed after the rate of five per centium per annum till the time of payment on & said Plt agrees to - one month.

Pg. 17: Patton vs Vance continued.

Pg. 26: Abraham vs Vance

Pg. 27: Baker vs Vance - Charles McLaucklin Ap<sup>d</sup> B<sup>d</sup> Ind<sup>e</sup> Confesses to 11 t -- . Ins. from the 12 Nov last Payment of Costs for Plaintiff agrees to delay even one month.

Pg. 34: Date: June 23, 1755

Pg. 35 Fidler vs Vance, Int. for note, for 3 p/c of cost

Pg. 36: 28 July 1755 Claibourn vs Vance, Ind<sup>e</sup> for 2-3 pounds cost of by asst. P..Buchanan.

Pg. 41: Date 22 Sept. 1755

Pg. 52 26 Jan 1755 Pg. 53: Thompson vs Vance. Dism. for in of cr. Talbot vs Vance Atl.

Pg. 54: A. -hiver vs Vance. Ind. for order for sale. Vance vs McGlaughlin Dism'd. for want of Pl. (Plaintiff) ?? vs Vance, Int. for 1 pound 10 shilling of cash by acc. - proved.

**Oct. Court 1755** pg. 32/3. James Patton assignee of Jacob Harmon against John Vance. John Welch Jr. & Andrew Jones for common bail 40 lbs.

Pg. 137: 1756: John Thompson vs Jonn Vance - plaintiff failed to present his suit.

Pg. 151: **March Court 1756** Matthew Talbot Gent. vs John Vance - For reasons appearing to the court the suit is ordered to be dismissed.

Pg. 55: **Court held for Bedford Co. 22 Mar 1756**, signed by Wm. Calloway, pg. 56

Pg. 58: Talbor vs Vance - Dism'd.

Pg. 61 24 May 1756, pg. 62, Ordered that sheriff summon a Jury to view the lands. Pet. for by John Vance to build a Mill & \_\_\_\_ both sides other. (?)

Pg. 71: 28 March Court 1757. Ordered that the church wardens of Russell Parish bind out Mary Vance an orphan child, according to law.

Pg. 197: May 1757 Robert Baker & Charles Talbot, gentlemen, church wardens of Russell Parish, plaintiff against Elizabeth Vance deft. in debt: For reasons appearing to the Court this is ordered to be dismissed.



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Pg. 212: **July Court MDCCLVII** John Vance, complainant, John Buchanan, gent., defendant, In Chancery Court. The complainant having departed this life since the commencement of this suit it is ordered this Suit abate.

Pg. 226: November Ct. 1757. Ordered that John Sutton, Edward McDaniel, Joseph McDaniel and John Calloway or any 3 of them, being first sworn before a Justice for this Court, Appraise in Current the Slaves (if any) & personal estate of John Vance dec'd & Return an appraisal thereof to Court.

Pg. 231: March 1758. An Inventory and appr. of the Estate of John Vance dec'd was returned and ordered to be recorded.

**LDS Film 030579 Order Book #3.**

Pg. ? 26 Jan. 1761, Nath. Clark<sup>1</sup> app<sup>t</sup> guardian of Jacob Vance<sup>2</sup>, orph. of Jno. Vance, Dec'd, having given security.

Pg. 166: 28 Jul 1761 Randolphs Deed etc to Vance proved by 3 wit. Ord. recorded.

Pg. 46: 29 June 1763, Thompson vs Vance dism'd.

Pg. 184: 26 Mar 1765 Wm Irvin & Robt Allen are app<sup>d</sup> to settle the fourth Ar. Cont'r of John Vance Dec'd.

Pg. 242: Oct 1765 Vance vs Drake - Dism'd.

Pg. 264: July Ct 1766, Vance vs Drake - Dism'd for want of appearance

Pg. 517 Donald vs Vance. A power of Atty, Vandevver.

Pg. 544: Vance vs Talbott

Pg. 616 Vance vs Brown

Pg. 634 Vance vs Stith

Pg. 660 Jul 6 1770 A deed, Vance to Gibbs, Ack'd and O (ordered). Rec'd..

**LDS Film # 030579 Order Book #4. February 26, 1772.**

Pg. 3: Brown vs Vance - same - Calloway vs Vance, pymt of Int.

Pg. 7 Donald vs Vance, Paym't of Int.

Pg. 25 Vance vs Baker. Dis'd at PL Co. Susannah Vance, wife of Nathaniel Vance. Court relinquished her right of Dower to one hundred & ninety acres of land sold & delivered by her husband to John Baker.

Pg. 26 25 May 1772.

Pg. 37 Willaim & James Donald & Co. vs. T. Vance, Discont.

Pg. 45 Mead vs Vance

Pg. 48 Talbot vs Vance Judg't for a pound Ct. & Costs.

Pg. 49: On motion of William Mead: Thomas Vance, William Vance, Alexander Gible and Clements Smith an injunction is Granted them to Stay Proceedings & Judgement obtained against them by Josiah Cap(?) until the matter thereof be heard in Equity (Court). Equity Bond and Security filing Bill at next Court.

Pg. 50: Spiers & Co. vs Vance. Judg't for Pounds & Costs. Also, Mead vs Vance, Alex Gible al, Eight days all.

Pg. 51: Donald vs Vance. Att. John Bates a Gen. Sworn, Saith he hath none of the defts Estate in his hand and cont'd. Ordered adjourned, Robert Ewing.

Pg. 83: A deed Mead to Vance, ack'd and O. (ordered) recorded.

January 23, 1773 Pg. 60, Feb/Mar. Vance vs Woodward C.O

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1759 Vance, John & account D.B. 1, p 226

1777, Vance, John - John's orphan - Henry Brown, Gdn. D.B. 1, pg. 259 Acc.l.

<sup>1</sup> Sullivan Co. NC/TN LDS 24836, Sullivan Co. TN. Deed Index, WPA: John Vance from Jacob Gardner, deed of Warranty 19 Mar 1786, for £100 for 200 acres in Sullivan Co. NC. land between L. Sinking Creek and Dick's Branch including branch. Nathaniel Clark witness. Who is this John Vance, and what relationship to Jacob? Nathaniel Clark involved in both transactions with Jacob. This may lead to a connection to the Jackson Co. TN family. See Jan 1995 NL pg 20/21.

<sup>2</sup> Jacob Vance was chain bearer for Nathaniel Clark land Grant #378, 300 acres on E. side of Broad River, including his own improvement. NC Land Grants in SC by Brent Holcomb 1980, p. 160/1.

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**Questions: Was Elizabeth the wife of John (Sr.)? John Vance's children are named as Jacob, Mary and John - were there others?. Were Nathaniel, Thomas and William his brothers?**

**LDS #30592 MARRIAGE BOOK, BEDFORD CO. VA.** (It is questionable if the name is Vance or Nance. Considering the previous page re John Vance, Jacob Vance, etc. later documented as Vance, these names are probably Vance.

25 May 1778 Mary Vance to Robert Boggs - Sam Beard, Surety. (Is she John Vance's orphan?)  
3 Mar 1784 William & Mary Howard - Thos. Vance, security bond.  
1 May 1805 Sally Vance to John Pryor. Sally is daughter of Thomas Vance.  
1794 Wilmouth Vance to Wm Gibbs  
1800 Elvira Vance to Wash. Taylor  
1804 Nancy Vance to Wm. Hudnall

**VANCE/NANCE/HANCE/DANCE**

An assortment of notes taken through the years by Grace Dotson. It appears in some cases that the transcriber misread Vance as Nance, Hance, Dance.

**BEDFORD COUNTY, VA.**

**Nance, Archibald** married 10 Mar 1794 Nancy Williams, daughter of Roger.  
**Nance, Chloe** married William Mitchell  
**Nance, E.,** married Dave Palmore  
**Nance, William** married 3 March 1784 Mary Howard. Sur.: **Thomas Hance.**

**LUDENBURG CO, VA.**

**Nance, Robert** married Sarah Walker 16 Feb 1799, Rev. **Matthew Dance.** Lunenburg Co. VA Minister' Returns.

**PITTSYLVANIA COUNTY, VA.**

**Nance, William** married 9 November 1782, Elizabeth Thornton. Rev. Sam'l Harris.

**ABSTRACTS OF BEDFORD CO., VA WILL BOOK 2 1788-1803**

Pages 43-4. William Howard, Guardian's Account.

Orphans of William Howard, deceased with their guardian David Saunders (also cross indexed with "Hoard, Wms." dated 1787-90 mentioned: Bennett Clark; ... "shoes for James". Mrs. Nance for boarding 4 children of the deceased for 1 year. 10 Mar 1788..paid Simmons Everett for taking 2 of the children to Stafford County. Thomas Nance..clothing for the children. Benjamin Estis...clothing A. Robinson ..Markle & Quinn, shoes for daughter of the deceased To Judith Boone for boarding 1 daughter of the deceased for 2 years. To John Booth for boarding child of the deceased 1 year. William Nance for 3 children 1 year. William Harris, for tax, Waddy Combs, for tax William Calloway; David Gibbs, Isham Fuqua; Jessee Tate; Augustine Carter; Cornelious Noell; Thomas Fuqua; David Green; William Leftwich; Thomas Reid; Benjamin Estes; John Belemas; and John Carter. Paid George Bartlett for schooling children of the deceased. Examined by: Thomas Lumpkin, John Claytor, W. Leftwich. Returned 23 Nov 1790. "This account between: Betsty, Suckey, Delphia, Nancy and William Howard, Orphans of William Howard, Deceased, and David Saunders their guardian was exhibited in Court..."

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**SEE NL OCT. 1993, PG. 126 FOR EARLY RECORDS FOR JACOB VANCE.**

**JACOB VANCE, SR. VA/SC/TN**  
by Vicki Wilson Shaffer & Corinne Cowan Staacke

**Jacob Vance Sr.** and family moved from South Carolina to the Giles/Lincoln co. Tenn. area sometime around 1800.

**Jacob Vance, Sr.'s** Will list his wife Sarah, sons Jacob, William, John James and daughter Nancy, wife of George Lemly. Sarah and William are listed as executors. the will is dated September 1815 delivered in the presence of Thomas Johnson and filed in the Lincoln County, Tennessee courthouse. The recorded date is August 18, 1815.

**(The Jacob Vance, Sr. Will is from the research of Howard Hamilton "Bud" Cowan. He discovered it in the Lincoln Co. courthouse listed under "Jacob Dance")**

Sarah Vance's Will listed sons William, John and James, grandchildren Lucinda, Sarah, Polly Vance and Wiley H. Lemly, children of Nancy Vance Lemly and grand son Jones Vance, son of William Vance. Her will is dated August 18, 1829. Nathan Brily and A. Isaacks are witnesses. The Will was proved July 19, 1830 and recorded October 9, 1830 in Lincoln County, Tennessee courthouse.

**James Vance**

James Vance listed as son in the **Jacob Vance, Sr.** will was b. 1786 in North Carolina and died in 1848. James married Nancy Hill b. 1786 SC, d. 1857. They had the following children: Jacob Vance b. 1814 SC d. Jan. 5, 1892

m. Mary Ann "Miane" Eddins

James M. Vance b. July 11, 1816 d. March 8, 1857

m. Nancy E. \_\_\_\_?

John A. Vance b. 1818 in SC d. after 1860 ?

m. Agnes M. Gilmore Apr. 17, 1849 in New Hanover, NC

Susan Malinda Vance b. 1822

m. Robert Crutcher

Sarah A. Vance b. 1827

m. Samuel Jones

Maria Hawkins Vance b. April 10, 1832 d. Sept. 7, 1897

m. Asbury Stone McWilliams

**John A. Vance**

John A. Vance left Lincoln Co. Tenn. and went to Texas as a teenager. He received a Bounty Warrant for 640 acres in Madison county, Texas for his service in the Texas Revolution from April 13, 1836 to October 1836. The Battle of San Jacinto was fought on April 21, 1836. His service also includes Company E, Battalion of Rangers (This was the Texas Rangers) from May 2 to October 15, 1837 and War on November 23, 1837. Our next record of him shows he went to NC and married Agnes Gilmore and they settled in Giles Co. Tenn. They had the following children:

Virginia "Jennie" Vance b. 1850 in Tenn.

m. a Scruggs

Willie Tennessee b. October 30, 1855 in Giles Co. Tenn.

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m. William Thomas Wilson January 17, 1878 in Gainesville, Tx  
d. August 23, 1920 in Bowie, Texas  
Nancy M. Vance b. 1856 in Giles Co. Tenn.  
m. Worth Cowden  
NO CHILDREN  
Mary Ann "Mollie" Vance b. 1859 in Elkton, Giles Co. Tenn.  
m. William Thomas Cowan  
d. May 3, 1898 in Lincoln Co. Tenn.

**Willie Tennessee Vance**

Willie Tennessee Vance Wilson and William Thomas Wilson had the following children:

Charlie Alvin Wilson 1878 - 1880 Gainesville, Tx. (Cooke Co.)  
Annie Agnes Wilson b. Dec. 20, 1880 Gainesville, Tx  
d. May 28, 1951 in Bowie, Texas (Montague Co.) DID NOT MARRY  
Estelle Vance Wilson b. Nov. 13, 1882 Gainesville, Tx.  
d. March 19, 1948 in Bowie, Texas DID NOT MARRY  
Earl Hooper Wilson b. Sept. 7, 1889 in Clay Co. Texas  
m. Willie House Nov. 2, 1913  
d. Nov. 24, 1954 in Vernon, Tx. (Wilbarger Co)

Earl Hooper Wilson and Willie House had the following children:

Harold Vance Wilson b. Sept. 11, 1914 in Childress, Texas  
m. Joy Anna Bryan June 6, 1943 in Rockwall, Texas  
d. Feb. 3, 1974 in Amarillo, Texas (Potter Co)  
William Alois Wilson b. August 5, 1917 in Clay. Co. Texas  
m. Edith Fern Douglas Oct. 11, 1940 in Frederick, Okla.  
d. April 24, 1965 in Amarillo, Texas  
Maurice Catherine "Reecie" Wilson b. March 4, 1921 in  
Vernon, Texas  
m. Cary Jud Bozeman in Dallas, Texas  
d. December 6, 1990 in Fort Worth, Texas (Tarrant Co.)

Harold Vance Wilson and Joy Anna Bryan had the following children:

Vicki Ann Wilson b. Sept. 9, 1950 in Amarillo, Texas  
m. 1st James M. McKinney Dec. 25, 1974  
m. 2nd Charles Otto Shaffer April, 15, 1989  
Peggy Janene Wilson b. April 10, 1953 in Amarillo, Texas  
m. Randy Darr Dosser

Vicki Ann Wilson and James M. McKinney had only one child:

Jaime Rhiana McKinney b. Sept. 13, 1976 in Austin, Texas

Peggy Janene Wilson and Randy Darr Dosser had : Micheal Vance Dosser b. Sept. 27,  
1989 in Austin, Texas and Kaitlyn Ashley Dosser b. August 21, 1992.

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**Mary Ann "Mollie" Vance**

William Thomas and Mary Ann "Mollie" (Vance) Cowan had the following children: John Coleman Cowan born October 18, 1881 Lincoln County, Tennessee died May 27, 1952 Lincoln County, Tennessee married August 23, 1906 Lincoln County, Tennessee Annie White Hamilton; Holman Vance Cowan born January 12, 1884; William Worth Cowan born April 26, 1898 died 1898.

John Coleman and Annie White (Hamilton) Cowan had the following children: James Vance Cowan born June 9, 1907 Fayetteville, Lincoln County, Tennessee died September 12, 1984 San Antonio, Bexar County, Texas married October 31, 1931 Lola Morene Baldon; Howard Hamilton Cowan born February 15, 1909 Fayetteville, Lincoln County, Tennessee; Annie Ruth Cowan born May 7, 1913, Evelyn Marie Cowan born April 15, 1915; William Thomas Cowan born September 7, 1919.

James Vance and Lola Morene (Baldon) Cowan had the following children: Jimmie Corinne Cowan born July 8, 1933 married April 24, 1954 Houston, Harris County, Texas Herman Frederick Staacke, Jr. and Jack Vance Cowan born July 16, 1938 married Judy Rose.

Herman Frederick and Jimmie Corinne (Cowan) Staacke had the following children: Herman Frederick Staacke, III born March 30, 1959 died February 5, 1985 (no issue) and James Vance Staacke born June 25, 1963.

Jack Vance and Judy (Rose) Cowan had Benjamin Scott Cowan born March 13, 1973 Greensboro, North Carolina married Dawn Marie Curtis and have Scott Weldon Cowan born February 12, 1992 San Antonio, Bexar County, Texas and Samantha Marie Cowan born September 19, 1993.



**Old Cowan Plantation  
Bed & Breakfast  
& Gift Shop**

At Old Cowan Plantation, a charming bed & breakfast and gift shop, visitors enjoy their morning coffee on the verandah overlooking the thick forest and rolling country side of Lincoln County, TN.

The charm of the old south abounds in this 1886 colonial home built by William Thomas Cowan, a lifelong resident of Lincoln County. His father, Judge Harvey C. Cowan, purchased the land in 1841, consisting of 443 acres. He taught school in Fayetteville and was elected Judge of Lincoln County Court in 1869.

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Recollections  
by  
Corinne Cowan Staacke

My grand parents John Coleman and Annie White (Hamilton) Cowan lived in the home William Thomas and Mary Ann "Mollie" (Vance) Cowan built in Fayetteville, Lincoln County, Tennessee. I visited them almost every year during my childhood. We would sit on the large porch in the evening and I would listen to stories told by them about our families. Jacob Vance (born 1814) once lived in a large house down the road from my grand parents home. Mary Ann "Mollie" Vance, my great grandmother had lived with her uncle Jake and aunt "Miane" (Eddins) Vance and married at their home. My other great grandmother on my grandmother's side was Laura Eddins, a niece of Mary Ann "Miane" (Eddins) Vance. She too had lived with uncle Jake and her aunt "Miane" and married at their home. The old house burned long before I was born, but a gate to the road still stands. Uncle Jake was a large slave owner in the county and his slaves laid many of the rock fences up and down the road. The children of "Mollie" (Vance) Cowan and Laura (Eddins) Hamilton would marry; however neither great grand mother would live to see this marriage. My grandfather often said that although these two great grandmothers were not related by blood they had both grown up in the same household. Uncle Jake always had ice in the summer for tea, because Caney Creek would freeze in the winter and he would haul large blocks of ice which he had cut from the creek to a underground cave filled with saw dust and straw and the ice would last through the summer months. After "Mollie" married, it was Uncle Jake who gave Mollie and her husband their home. My grandparents put the present facade and did some improvement in the house, but I have photos of how the house look at the time William and Mollie (Vance) Cowan lived there. Today it is a bed and breakfast Inn owned by Paul and Betty Johnson. Betty always answers the phone "Cowan Plantation". I still visit the old home place. Uncle Jake, his wife and son, William Presley Vance, who died at the age of 25 are buried in a mausoleum at Rose Hill Cemetery in Fayetteville, Tennessee.

My grandfather told me that John A. and Jacob Vance were brothers and that John A. had served in the Texas Republic Army receiving a bullet wound in the leg as well as a land grant in Texas. I discovered his records in the Texas State Archives and other records to substantiate what he told me about John A. Vance. John returned to Tennessee and later married Agness M. Gilmore in 1849 in New Hanover, North Carolina. At this date we do not know when or where John died, but we do know that he lived through 1860 and was in Madison and Limestone Counties, Alabama and Giles and Lincoln Counties Tennessee.

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JOHN A. VANCE  
B 1818 SC  
A TEXAS RANGER

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**UPDATE:**

Just as the article on John Vance in Bedford/Wythe County was finished, Mary B. Kegley's new book Early Adventures on the Western Waters, Vol III, Part 1 and 2 was released. Mary Norfleet and Grace Dotson shared the Vance information, which gives us more Vance names and documentation.

**Pg. 802:** John Vance was among the earliest settlers on Reed Creek where he built a cabin prior November 17, 1745. He was to return from Pennsylvania the following year to settle and improve his chosen 800 acres. He eventually selected other land, and his Buffalo Lock tract was divided between John Montgomery and Alexander Sayers. In 1747 he acquired 192 acres on Reed Creek, east of Wytheville, in the Valley of Contention and Strife. In 1751 he added 197 acres in the same neighborhood. Thus, the John of Bedford and Wythe County was the same person.

**OTHER VANCES THAT NEED TO BE RESEARCHED:**

**Pg. 59:** Montgomery Co. VA. July 9, 1786, Zachariah Stanly, John Smith, and Jeremiah Bell, on above warrant, enters 200 acres on Licking Fork of Indian Creek, adjoining Edmune Vance's survey on the upper side. Who was he?

**Pg. 159:** Wythe County Entry Book #1. John Adams to William Adams, son of John, for love and affection, 192 acres by survey granted to John Vance by patent August 1753 and sold to John Adams by P. Vance and to Robert Alcorn and he to John Adams, on the north side of the branch. Who was this P. Vance, and by what authority did he have to sell?

**Pg. 547** Augusta County Survey Book 1, Staunton, VA. : 1747 Robert Vance, 180 acres on Reed Creek - same year John Vance received 192 acres on Reed Creek.. Surely some relationship to John Vance. Any records on Robert?

**Pg. 766** Alexander Sayers had land on the north side of Reed Creek, Dunkard Bottom, and in the Fort Chiswell area. Capt. Sayers received militia pay beginning 1758, and his estate in 1765, along with others, including Samuel Vance and Samuel Hamilton. Who was this Samuel Vance?

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April 10, 1995

Kathleen:

In the last newsletter, the President mentioned On Line Services and said he was going to check into it.

I would like to share my On-Line experience. Corinne Cowan Staacke and I "discovered" each other last July on Prodigy. I had put a note on the bulletin board regarding John A. Vance and family. She answered it, as her great grandmother was a sister to my great grandmother, making us exactly 3rd cousins. The best part of discovering each other was that I live in Austin and she lives in San Antonio. We are only about 70 miles apart. And since that time we have become like sisters!

We never knew of each other. I had never heard of the Cowan's and she had never heard of the Wilson's. Since both our father's are deceased, we do not know if they knew each other. But, Corinne's uncle, Bud Cowan remembers visiting my great grandfather (William Thomas Wilson) and grandfather (Earl Hooper Wilson) in 1924. Bud's younger brother even attended the funeral of William Thomas Wilson in 1928 in Bowie, Texas.

It had been very-exciting sharing all our old pictures with each other. Corinne came up with the only known photograph of William Thomas Wilson and I had pictures of her grandmother's house in Tenn. as well as a picture of the Vance Mausoleum in Fayetteville, Tenn. Jacob Vance (b. 1814) and family are buried there. It is a huge stone mausoleum Jacob had his slaves build. I had the picture but had no idea where it was.

My family spent last Thanksgiving with Corinne and her family in San Antonio. So you see that the On-Line services are extremely helpful. I think that Prodigy has the best format and would recommend it!

Vicki Wilson Shaffer

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?Sarah Vance?

By Janie Dennis Weaver

A few Vance/Lusk/Steen/Bogan researchers continue to publish incorrect information printed by the Rev. Moses Steen in his genealogies of the Steen family. In the first genealogy he stated that Sarah Steen was an unmarried daughter of Col. James Steen. In the revision it was stated that she was Sarah Vance, the wife of William Steen, son of Col. James Steen. Others later added that Sarah Vance was a daughter of Thomas Vance of Union Co., SC, and his first wife and that she married her stepbrother. (Eleanor Bogan Steen married (2) Thomas Vance.)

There is no documentation to prove that a Sarah Vance married a William Steen. There were two William Steens in Union Co., SC, in 1790 and 1800: William Steen married to Nancy Agnes Lusk and William Steen married to Jane Young. Sarah Steen was involved in many land transactions in Union County, but they never refer to her as Mrs. or a widow. Although Rev. Moses Steen said she had three children after 1810 and that her husband died in 1820, Sarah Steen shows up as the head of household in 1810.

Sarah Steen was born in 1773 and died in Union Co., SC, on 31 Dec 1851. According to the diary of Rev. James Saye, Sarah was the daughter of Col. James Steen and was never married but had a number of children.

Some people also continue to write incorrectly that Col. James Steen had a daughter named Anabel Davis, per his abstracted will.

I offer the following documentation on the Steen family in Union Co., SC. DAR has changed its records to reflect that William Steen who married Jane Young was the son of Col. James Steen.

Will of James Steen dated 1779 names wife Elen....; daughter Jane; sons John, William, James, and Richard; and his "three youngest daughters", not named. Research is ongoing to trace the three youngest daughters of Col. Steen. It is believed they were Eleanor "Nellie" who married Samuel Montgomery; Martha "Patsey" who married Samuel Houston; and Sarah who never married. Jane was probably the widow of Gideon Smith, Sr.

Will of Gideon Smith, Box 87, Pack 2140, dated 20 Aug 1779 and prov. 23 Aug 1783 in Abbeville Co., SC. Exec. James Steen, John Smith, Abraham Smith. Wit. Robert Lusk, Joseph Jolly, John Jefferies. Wife Jane, son James. When Gideon's will was probated, it stated that son James would now be called Gideon. James Steen was not an executor on the final estate settlement as he had died.

Bk. B, p. 22 - 18 Sep 1787 - John Steen to Gideon Smith, son of Gideon Smith, dec., of Union Co. for L200 sterling, 200 acres on both sides Thicketty Creek, including the improvement where Mathew Roberson now lives and the improvement that Gideon Smith, dec., made where Samuel Montgomery now lives. Originally granted to said John Steen on 13 Oct 1767 by the Prov. of NC. John Steen conveyed the tract to Gideon Smith, dec., before his death by lease and release.

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Recorded 26 Dec 1787.

Bk. B, p. 177 - 22 Jun 1789 - William Farr, Gentleman, to William Steen, Jr., planter, both of Union Co., for the love, goodwill and affection which I have and do bare toward my loving friend William Steen, Jr., a negro named Andrew. Wit. R. Edson, Thomas Brandon, and James Hogins. Recorded same day by order of the court.

Note: Col. James Steen left Andrew to his son, William, in his will. William Farr had apparently borrowed him and returned him shortly after William married Jane Young. William was referred to as a junior because his uncle William (husband of Nancy Lusk) was still living.

Bk. B, p. 26 - 4 Dec 1787 - Col. Thomas Brandon of Union Co. to William Steen, Jr., son of James Steen, for L50 sterling, 300 acres on south side of Fairforest Creek. Bound by the creek, Nuckols old line, William Young, Thomas Greer, and Robert Gregory. Wit. Daniel Comer and William Heald. Recorded 26 Dec 1787. Thomas Brandon was an uncle of Jane Young Steen.

Bk. D, p. 541 - John Haild to William Steen, both of Union Co., for 65L sterling, 225 acres whereon said John Haild now lives and consisting of various surveys located on Fairforest Creek..... Dated 24 Mar 1797. Wit. Jane Rountree and Thomas Brandon. Proved by Thomas Brandon and recorded on 3 Apr 1797.

Note: William Steen was the husband of Jane Young. The will of William Steen shows that he had exactly two tracts of land on the creek. Census records verify that he lived next to the Youngs on Fairforest Creek. His will names children Thomas, Eleanor, James, Christopher, William, and Jane. The administration of the combined estates of William, Jane, and Christopher reveals there was another daughter, Catherine (Katie).

O-210 - John Steen of the State of GA on the Oakmulgee waters in the new purchase to John Bird, Jr. of Union Dist., no consideration given, all right, title and interest in 200 acres on S side of Gilkie's Creek, bound by said Bird, Drury Harrington, Mrs. Neel, the Widow Smith, part of a 400 acre tract granted to John Steen, Sr. Dated 19 Dec 1817. Wit. Archibald Hamilton, James Steen, and John Bird, Sr. Proved by John Bird, Sr. on 31 Dec 1817 before John Jefferies and recorded 6 Jul 1818.

Note: This John Steen was probably the son of Col. James Steen.

R-229 - Sarah Steen, Nancy Steen, Nelly Steen, Thomas Steen, James Steen, John Greer, William Steen, Katy Steen, Robert Steen, James Steen, William Steen, Nathaniel Steen, Sarah Enix (Enochs), John Enix, James Noble, Elias Steen, Silas Steen, James Steen, and Richard Steen to John Steen, Jr., all of Union Dist., do hereby release all our right and title to any tract or tracts of land belonging to we heirs of John Steen, Sr. Dated 12 Oct 1822. Signed in Union Dist. by Nancy Steen, John Greer, William Steen, Catherine Steen, and Sarah Steen. Wit. C. S. D. Jenkins and James Steen who proved deed on 4 Mar 1823 before Samuel Jefferies, J. P. Recorded 31 Mar 1823.

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Note: This transaction probably took place after Martha Steen, wife of John, Sr., died. John and Martha had no children, and all of the above were the heirs of John's brothers, Col. James Steen and William Steen, husband of Nancy Lusk. Had John and Martha had children, only their children would have been named as heirs.

Sarah Steen was a daughter of Col. James Steen. It is probable that Nancy Steen was a daughter of Col. James Steen born after he made out his will. Nelly Steen, Thomas Steen, James Steen, William Steen, and Catherine "Katy" Steen were children of William Steen (son of Col. James Steen) and Jane Young. John Greer was the husband of their daughter, Jane. Their son, Christopher, died unmarried before this date. Robert Steen, James Steen, William Steen, Nathaniel Steen, Sarah Enochs, John Enochs, James Noble, Elias Steen, and Silas Steen were children or spouses of the children of William Steen and Nancy "Agnes" Lusk. James Steen and Richard Steen were the children of Col. James Steen. The children of William Steen and Nancy "Agnes" Lusk did not actually reside in Union District at this time and further released their interest in the land from Lawrence Co., MS. John Steen, Jr., to whom the heirs released their claims, was also a son of William Steen and Nancy "Agnes" Lusk. The wife of John, Jr. is now being shown by the VFA as Margaret Vance.

R-405 - Henry Co., GA - Samuel Houston and Patsey Houston, his wife, of Henry Co., GA. to William Steen of Union Dist., for \$30, all aforesaid share of 400 acres on both sides of Gilkie's Creek of Thicketty waters of Broad River, bound by vacant land, unknown, and John Steen. Also, all interest to all other land in the State of South Carolina to which we have any right, title or claim accruing from John Steen, deceased. Dated 21 Jun 1823. Wit. Carter Houston and John Steen. Proved in Union Dist. by John Steen on 5 Feb 1824 before Samuel Jefferies, J. P. and recorded the same day.

Not all Steen families are included in these census records.

**1790 Union Co., SC**

|                |                                             |
|----------------|---------------------------------------------|
| Steen, William | 1 male over 16; 1 male under 16; 2 females  |
| Steen, William | 1 male over 16; 5 males under 16; 2 females |
| Vance, Thomas  | 2 males over 16; 1 male under 16; 5 females |

**1800 Union Co., SC**

|                |                                                                                  |
|----------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Steen, William | 1m 0-9; 2m 10-15; 2m 16-25; 1m 26-44; 2f 0-9; 2f 10-15; 1f 26-44                 |
| Steen, William | 3m 0-9; 1m 10-15; 1m 26-44; 1f 0-9; 1f 10-15; 1f 26-44                           |
| Vance, Thomas  | 1m 0-9; 1m 10-15; 1m over 45; 2f 0-9; 2f 16-25; 1f over 45 (Eleanor Bogan Steen) |

**1810 Union Co., SC**

|               |                                                                      |
|---------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Steen, Jane   | 1m 0-9; 1m 10-15; 1m 16-25; 2f 10-15; 1f 16-25; 1f over 45           |
| Steen, Sarah  | 3m 0-9; 1f 0-9; 2f 10-15; 2f 26-44                                   |
| Vance, George | 1m 0-9; 2m 10-15; 2m 16-25; 1m over 45; 3f 0-9; 2f 16-25; 1f over 45 |

Note: The two people over 45 in the household of George Vance are probably George's parents, Eleanor Bogan Steen and Thomas Vance, who were still living in 1810.

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THREE PHYSICIANS IN THE VANCE-LUTTRELL FAMILY  
By Betty Smith Silfies

In 1859 William Vance was listed as a physician in the town directory of the thriving Mississippi River town of Liberty, Ill (now Rockwood) in Randolph Co. William b. 1805 in KY was the oldest son of Andrew Vance and Elizabeth Veach. Andrew was the son of Andrew Vance and Ann Ramey, grandson of Andrew Vance (d. 1754) and Jane of Frederick Co. VA. Where he got his medical training we have been unable to determine. It may have been the way his contemporary Abe Lincoln got his law training, by studying with another in the profession. During the Civil War he served as a contract surgeon in the Union army. In fact he was such a Union supporter that he painted the flat front of his house like the American flag. Afterward it took many years, and many coats of paint to cover it.

William married Chloe Whitney, the daughter of his mother's second husband Luther Whitney. They had children Andrew W. b. 1831, Adelaide b. 1834, and Mary C. b. 1838. He must have been a very virile man because at age 76, only 2½ months after his wife Chloe died, he married Hannah Porter, a widow age 26. A year later they had a child, Lavilla. William died at age 83 on 24 Feb. 1889.

At age 18, either when the family was traveling through KY or IL, William met a girl from the Luttrell family. The Luttrells migrated from Adair Co. KY to Morgan Co. IL during the same time period as the Vances, and there were Vances, probably relatives, living in Adair Co. Many clues point to the girl as being Nancy Luttrell who married Lewis Shepherd 24 Jan 1825. James Henderson Luttrell, the natural son of William Vance was born 28 July 1824. His daughter Silvia said he was born in Adair Co, but in his Civil War records he gave his birthplace as Morgan Co.

The Luttrells of Adair/Morgan were descended from Guy de Luttrell who came to England with the conqueror in 1066. One branch of the family still owns Dunster Castle in Somerset, near Bristol. The branch most American Luttrells come from was given large land grants outside Dublin by King John I. In 1717 Henry Luttrell, a former Major General in William III's Dutch army, was assassinated in Dublin. His oldest son Robert moved to VA, and his second son Henry was created Earl of Carhampton. His granddaughter, Lady Anne Luttrell, married the Duke of Cumberland, brother of King George III.

One of Robert's descendants was Col. John Luttrell of VA, a principal, with Judge Richard Henderson, in the Transylvania Company. This was the land scheme that hired Daniel Boone to lead settlers to KY, and start Boonesborough. John's younger brother Richard later moved to Adair Co. He and his wife Nancy Raines were the parents of 10 children, many of whom later moved to Morgan Co. IL.

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At age 14 James Henderson Luttrell ran away from home. He did not get along well with his stepfather so he went searching for his real father. He did not locate him until he was 19. William Vance eventually trained James to be a doctor. They both practiced in Rockwood in the 1860's/70's. James served in the Civil War from Aug 1861 to July 1862 when he was discharged for disability.

James didn't recover his health after the war and his wife Eleanor died in the early 1870's. Soon after that he decided to move west. With his 2 daughters, Sarah Adelaide b 1862 and Silvia b 1868, and with a young orphan girl named Mary Painter b 1855 to care for them, he set out west in a covered wagon. When they reached Southwest MO the people of the town of Waldo, Webster Co, were so eager to have a physician that they built a house for him. Sometime after settling down, he and Mary were recognized by the community as husband and wife, and also listed as such on the 1880 Census. Mary bore two children Viola Belle b 1876 and William Vance b 6 Oct 1879. On 11 Jun 1881, three days before his death, he and Mary traveled to the county seat and were legally married. He said he did not want his son to suffer as he had because of any question of his parentage. After his death Mary and the children returned to Rockwood where his will was probated.

The third physician was Silvia Luttrell. She became one of the first women doctors in the midwest. When she first tried to follow in the footsteps of her father and grandfather, no local medical school would accept her. She would not give up and was finally accepted by one in New Orleans, possibly Tulane. She practiced for many years in the early 1900's in the city of St. Louis. Her office was on St. Louis Ave., a very fashionable section in those days. Some years later, after her marriage to William Pfeiffer one of the family that owned the Pfeiffer Drug Co. she was persuaded to give up her practice. It embarrassed the Pfeiffer family to have a female in the family working, and as a woman doctor of all things. After her enforced retirement she kept studying and also became an accomplished amateur painter, a talent that runs in the family.

Several family stories are told about Silvia. When she and her sister Addie were young women they decided to fulfill their death bed promise to their father and see that

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their brother William Vance was educated to be a doctor. They traveled to Campbell in Southeastern MO where he was living with his mother and stepfather. There was some disagreement, so the girls literally kidnapped him and took him back to St Louis. He always remembered the trip up the Mississippi on a steamboat, and always regretted that the Sheriff had come and taken him back. At 14 he too ran away from an abusive stepfather and joined the land rush in OK.

One day when Silvia was in her 80's, her niece and namesake Sylvia Luttrell Smith and greatniece Betty stopped by her house to visit. No one answered the bell so they checked the backyard. There they found her, up in a cherry tree pruning the branches. Another time, when she became ill while away from home, she was taken to the City Hospital. There she irritated the doctors and nurses by trying to tell them what to do and saying that she had been a doctor on the staff. They thought she was just a cantakerous old woman. One of the nurses became curious however and checked the records. There she found that the story was true. Silvia died at age 89 in 1957.

By Betty Smith Silfies  
Grandaughter of William Vance Luttrell

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## TRADITIONAL SCOTTISH NAMING PATTERNS

Research of Gladys Mecum

The first son named after the father's father.  
The second son named after the mother's father.  
The third son named after his own father.  
The first daughter named after mother's mother.  
The second daughter named after father's mother.  
The third daughter named after her own mother.  
If infant death left a 'variance', the name could be used again.

Reference: The Highlander Magazine, Jan 1992, pg. 38.

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by Kathleen Mason

### WE DID IT!

**Rubye Harrison** was the lucky member who got the phone call, telling her VFA had found the ancestor of her James Vance! Furthermore, I said "Hello cousin, for now we really are!" First I need to impress upon our new members that what you are looking for may already have been printed, as it was in Rubye's case. Second, it is those important Family Group Sheets that we have asked for that can connect lines, that cannot otherwise be found. I must tell you the whole story, for many persons had a part in this. Back in the 1980's **W. E. Vance** of Grenada, MS. had a researcher in SC do some research on his James Alexander Vance Sr. of SC. The researcher mentioned the name of a lady that she did some Vance research for. The letter was forwarded to me. I tried to call the lady, and evidently I was misreading the spelling of the name. I wrote the Chamber of Commerce in her city. No luck. Finally I wrote the researcher to please send me the correct name, as I was evidently mis-reading it. She did, and I finally found **Celeste Coleman Steger**. Her ancestor was David Vance of Meckleberg, NC. This led to contact of now VFA member **Robert H. Coleman**, brother of Celeste. I had other research on David, but wrote for more. He sent me tombstone photos, other records and all this resulted in an article Oct. 1988, pg. 102/3. Some time later he sent me several pages of The Life and Times of John Vance (son of David Vance) from Mrs. Steger's book. Last year **Billy Brawner** of Hot Springs Village, AK sent a letter (July 1994 NL, pg. 89) which sent me into a tailspin, and I really began to try to pull, write and call for information on Patrick & John Vance of Chambersburg, PA. to get a complete picture of the unfolding story. About this time I plead with **Margaret Webb** of Knoxville, TN. to check on/copy from the Clarence A. Vance papers at McClung Library in Knoxville. She did. Suddenly, I was going that way, and my husband **Herman Mason** and I spent 4 hours reading and copying from his collection (we have yet to print much from this, due to other breaking stories). The article finally was printed July 1994, pg. 88/94, which showed a connection to David Vance of Mecklenberg, NC, and James Alexander Vance Sr. of Chester Co. SC. to Patrick and John of Chambersburg, PA. Sooo. I pulled out the pages **Robert H. Coleman** sent me and re-read them out of curiosity, since they were now my cousins. I decided to send this to editor **Bruce Vance** to enter in the Data Base, if that information had not been sent in. Bingo! When he entered all the children of David, it hooked up to **Rubye Harrison**! I have purposely highlighted all names as this saga has unfolded. Each played their roll, and perhaps it would have never been solved, if each person had not participated.

**Rubye** and I first met at a monthly genealogical meeting in Jackson a couple of years ago.. She and a friend drive over once a month from Meridian to research at the Archives, and attend this meeting. She spotted my name-tag, and we instantly became friends. We have discussed her James, the only one in the 1820 MS census - in Wayne Co. Descendants later moved to Lauderdale Co., Adjoining Kemper, Newton and Neshoba County had Vances who came directly from Ireland. It was a discouraging case. She could find no trace where he came from, or if directly from Ireland. She was beginning to believe he 'just fell from the sky'. A happy ending, but she would have know earlier, if only she had thought to order the back newsletters! Her ancestor James and his wife Mary/Polly Barnett were listed! As this is being written, **Rubye** and family plan to attend the Nashville meeting. I hope your name will be here next newsletter.

# Queries

Looking for information regarding a **Mary Vance** who married a Mr. Neal. Of their children, one was my g-Grandfather, **William H. Neal** born 1847, (Pa.) as to his death certificate and tomb stone, but 1851 (Pa.) according to the 1870 Pa. Census. Do not know if **Mary Vance** was **Miss Vance** or a widow when she married **Mr. Neal**. **Mary (Vance) Neal** d. Aug. 1, 1874, Girty's Run, Pittsburgh, Pa. She was buried in a single grave in Union Dale Cemetery, Pittsburgh, Pa. May 9, 1887, after purchasing a family plot in Hiland Cemetery, **Mary (Vance) Neal's** son, **William H. Neal**, had her transferred from Union Dale Cemetery, Pittsburgh, Pa. to Hiland Cemetery, Pittsburgh. Would appreciate any information as to the first name of her husband or the names of her parents.  
**Clare Pebworth, 2223 Philippine Drive, #19, Clearwater, Florida 34623.**

Would appreciate any information on the five **Vance** brothers that immigrated to Meridian, Miss. with my great grandfather, **Edward Foy Vance**, in 1848. They were **David** (38), **John** (3), **Richard** (13), **Robert** (40) and **William** (20). The females, probably sisters but maybe cousins were **Jane Vance** (22), and **Betty Vance** (35). I think one was married and had his wife and two children with him (maybe **Robert**). Their ship landed in Mobile, Ala. in 1848 and from there they went on to Meridian, Miss. They may have had family there.

**Mary Vance Williams, 10591 Dolecetto Drive, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670**

Looking for information on the **Vance** families of Tennessee. **David Vance**, was born November 28, 1844, near Spencer Tennessee. He was married to **Evaline Whitehead**, born August 12, 1.856 in Mena, Arkansas. They were married 10 February 1881 in Spencer, Tennessee. **David's** father was **William Vance**, born about 1823 in Tennessee (we think). He was married to a full-blood Cherokee named "Peggy." The family lived in the Chattanooga and Spencer, Tennessee areas.

**Janice W. Calloway, 78 Pecksland Road, Greenwich, CT 06831, (203) 869-2077**

Need parents and siblings of **Tarlton Wilson** (9/4/1811 NC - C1899 GC KY) who married **Charlotte Vance** (3/15/1815 GC KY- 3/?/1889 GC KY) on 9/7/1830 in Green Co. KY. I suspect that **James B. Wilson** (1797 NC - C1863 GC KY) who married **Charlotte's** sister, **Frances "Fanny" Vance** (4/22/1807 GC KY - C1850 GC KY) on 5/9/1827 in Green Co. KY with the consent of her father, **William Vance** (C1760 Or 1761 VA - Abt. 2/5/1831 GC KY) was an older brother.

**Susan A. Henderson, 55 West Monroe St., Suite 500, Chicago IL 60603**

Any information on **Samuel Vance**, a revolutionary war veteran who lived in Salem County, New Jersey would be appreciated.

**Julia Deckard, 7755 South Fairfax Road, Bloomington, IN 47401**

This new member just can't be unrelated! Her root **Vance** is **Robert Vance**, b 1784/1790 in Russell or Wise Co. VA. He married **Mary(Polly) Carver**. Their son, **Abner Vance**, b 1826 in Roan Mountain, Carter Co., TN is her gr-gr-grandfather. Currently, no connections to this line exist on the database. Please help.

**Lonnie Marie Vance Harris, 5442 Donahoo Court NE, Albuquerque, NM 87111-1872**

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**John Vance**, b abt 1810 in TN moved to Greene Co., Missouri in the 1830's. His parents don't appear to be in Missouri with him. Possibly they stayed behind in TN. They may be from Hawkins/Greene Co. in TN. Any information on this line would be appreciated.

**Julie A. Benston, 4270 Grant Road, Central Point, OR 97502.**

Searching for parents of **John Vance Taylor**, b 1785, VA. He married **Jane Vance**, dgtr of **Joseph Colville Vance** and **Sarah Wilson** in Champaign Co., OH. Their dgtr **Sallie** married **Samuel Wilson**, son of **Miles Wilson & Jennet Vance**. John died 28 Jan 1858 in Champaign Co., OH. I have reason to believe his mother may have been a Vance.

**Becky Pyle, 541 Bloomfield Ave., Urbana, OH 43078.**

**Janet Vance**, buried in Astoria OR prior to 1902, was married to **John Bryce** (born in Scotland). Family lore is that **Janet** is daughter of a Scottish father and a Seneca Indian from Canada.

**Bruce Vance, 612 155th Place NE, Bellevue, WA. 98007-4822.**



This picture appeared as an ad promoting an auction at Sothebys. The title reads '**Robert H. Vance**, American Missionary With a Chinaman, sixth-plate daguerreotype, circa 1850's. Auction estimate: \$4000-\$6000.' Robert Biggs who found the ad in the Maine Antique Digest of March 1995 wonders if any VFA member might be able to place this Robert H. Vance.

**Robert Biggs, 1155 58th Street, Chicago, IL 60637 or contact the VFA editor.**

We have an answer to how the Vance Patisserie in Kyoto Japan got it's name. Alan Taplin, a VFA member who has lives in Japan writes to Phyliss Worrall 'Tsuneo Namikawa, the owner, happily opened his heart to us and over coffee and cake chatted about the Vance name with us.' He later continues 'Namikawa san explained that he only wanted a charming, beautiful name for his shop and chose Vance. - no blood connection.' Alan says that now we have a heart to heart connection and that this family is an ancient Kyoto family.

For information on submitting your Vance family for the designation 'First Family of Tennessee' write to **East Tennessee Historical Society, POB 1629, Knoxville, TN 37901-1629.**

***Re-run your queries!***

***There are new researchers working the Vance lines.***

***There are new members with fresh information.***

***There are different Vance lineages appearing.***

***New sources are being discovered.***

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|--------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| (7230) BAUGHARD, Clyde G | B- 9 May 1888 TN | D-29 Aug 1972 TN | M-18 Dec 1913    |
| (7227) RAYBURN, Joseph R | B- 5 Oct 1858 TN | D-18 Sep 1896 TN | M- 4 Nov 1886    |
| (7225) RAYBURN, Amos M   | B-15 Aug 1824 TN | D-17 Mar 1885 TN | M-17 Mar 1843    |
| (3443) RAYBURN, Joseph   | B-               | D-               |                  |
| (1573) MARNEY, Amos I    | B- Sep 1760 VA   | D-22 Aug 1839 TN | M-17 Apr 1786 VA |
| (1667) VANCE, Samuel C   | B-               | D-Bef Dec TN     |                  |
| (2355) VANCE, James      | B-               | D- 2 Mar 1762 VA |                  |

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| (7231) BAUGHARD, Cora G  | B-28 Apr 1915 TN | D-               |
| (7229) RAYBURN, Nannie E | B-19 Jan 1889 TN | D-12 Dec 1973 TN |
| (7228) FERGUSON, Elizabe | B- 6 Apr 1865 TN | D-19 Apr 1941 TN |
| (7226) SMITH, Lucretia A | B-20 Aug 1825 TN | D-16 Nov 1905 TN |
| (3448) MARNEY, Mary P    | B-               | D-               |
| (1572) VANCE, Sarah      | B- 8 May 1770 VA | D-15 Aug 1858 TN |
| (3442) VANCE, Elizabeth  | B-               | D-               |

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| (7567) BENSTON, Stephen A  | B-               | D-               | M- 1 Mar 1980 OR |
| (7569) SIRES, Robert W     | B-18 Feb 1929 WA | D-               | M- 4 Nov 1950 WA |
| (7571) GALLOWAY, Charles C | B-29 Sep 1907 OK | D-               | M-30 Nov 1927 KS |
| (7573) SPRAGUE, Jacob E    | B- 2 Aug 1873 OH | D-28 Feb 1948 OK | M-27 Sep 1899 MO |
| (7575) JONES, James K      | B-               | D-               | M- 8 Oct 1880 MO |
| (7577) VANCE, John         | B-Abt 1810 TN    | D-Bef 1880 MO    | M-13 Aug 1837 MO |

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| (7568) SIRES, Julia A    | B-15 Apr 1961 OR | D-               |
| (7570) GALLOWAY, Vola M  | B- 3 Oct 1929 OK | D-               |
| (7572) SPRAGUE, Bertha E | B-13 Sep 1906 OK | D-               |
| (7574) JONES, Mary M     | B-29 Mar 1885 MO | D- 1 Aug 1975 WA |
| (7576) VANCE, Mary E     | B- Dec 1844 MO   | D- MO            |
| (7578) WILLIAMS, Louisa  | B-Abt 1818 TN    | D-Aft 1880       |

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| (7586) SCHRUM, Milburn | B-27 May 1923 MO | D-               | M- 5 Jul 1943 |
| (7588) VANCE, Roy H    | B- 1900 MO       | D- 1945 MO       | M- 1919       |
| (7590) VANCE, Andrew J | B- 5 Aug 1877 MO | D- 1953 MO       | M-Abt 1898    |
| (7592) VANCE, Hugh     | B-29 Mar 1852 MO | D- 2 May 1902 MO | M- 5 Dec 1878 |
| (7594) VANCE, John     | B- 1820          | D- 1864 MO       | M- 1837       |

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| (7585) SCHRUM, Randy D  | B-23 Feb 1944 MO | D-               |
| (7587) VANCE, Velma R   | B-24 Mar 1925 MO | D-               |
| (7589) MCNAIL, Allie T  | B- 1901 MO       | D- 1979 MO       |
| (7591) COUNTS, Lulu     | B- Jun 1879 MO   | D- 1953 MO       |
| (7593) BIDWELL, Sarah J | B-22 Jun 1854    | D-24 Feb 1936 MO |
| (7595) UNK, Elizabeth   | B- 1810          | D-               |

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**Spartanburg SC 29301**

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| (7642) FRANCIS, Donald C | B-18 Sep 1929 TX | D-16 Nov 1977 SC | M-14 Jun 1952 |
| (7640) LANDRUM, Edwin L  | B- 1 Sep 1899 MS | D- 1 Feb 1981 SC | M-14 Jun 1924 |
| (7638) TAYLOR, James E   | B- 1 Oct 1873 MS | D-26 Oct 1937 MS | M-22 Mar 1899 |
| (7635) VANCE, William J  | B-17 Oct 1846 MS | D- 9 Jan 1907 MS | M-27 Feb 1877 |
| (7633) VANCE, Adam B     | B-21 Jul 1821 SC | D-13 Feb 1889 MS | M- 8 Jan 1846 |
| (1297) VANCE, William    | B- 1786 SC       | D- 1844 MS       |               |
| (189 ) VANCE, James A Sr | B-Abt 1755       | D-Aft 1821 SC    | M-Abt 1779    |

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| (7641) LANDRUM, Janet C | B-28 Jul 1931 MS | D-               |
| (7639) TAYLOR, Beryl E  | B- 8 Jan 1900 MS | D-15 Jul 1985 SC |
| (7637) VANCE, Lida      | B-13 Dec 1877 MS | D-13 Dec 1964 LA |
| (7636) MOORE, Weatha    | B-28 Apr 1848    | D-27 Mar 1912 MS |
| (7634) FOX, Sarah       | B-24 Feb 1828 AL | D- 5 May 1901 MS |
| (1298) MCANULTY, Mary G | B- 1784          | D- 1863 MS       |
| (5061) UNK,             | B-               | D-               |

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| (7891) VANCE, Arthur L   | B-20 Sep 1929 CO | D-               | M-25 Jan 1947 NM |
| (7893) VANCE, Luther M   | B-14 Nov 1889 CO | D-11 Jul 1973 CO | M-14 Oct 1912 CO |
| (7895) VANCE, Andrew J   | B- 8 Apr 1855 TN | D- 7 Sep 1894 CO | M-15 Feb 1876 TN |
| (7897) VANCE, Abner      | B- 1826 TN       | D-13 Jun 1887 TN | M-24 Apr 1853    |
| (7899) VANCE, Robert     | B-Abt 1784 VA    | D- Jun 1855 VA   | M-Abt 1800 NC    |

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| (7890) VANCE, Lonnie M   | B-18 Aug 1947 CO | D-               |
| (7892) HUTCHINS, Dee O   | B-               | D-               |
| (7894) JOHNSON, Nannie M | B- 6 Jan 1893 CO | D-29 Jul 1972 CO |
| (7896) MCLEAIRD, Julia E | B-23 Aug 1857 NC | D-10 May 1938 CO |
| (7898) WHITEHEAD, Mary   | B-Abt 1836 TN    | D- Aug 1880      |
| (7900) CARVER, Mary      | B-Abt 1782 VA    | D-               |

**HUNT, Larry A**

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**Benton LA 71006**

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| (7257) HUNT, Joseph M      | B-26 Apr 1910 KS | D-18 Dec 1988 LA | M-30 Apr 1935 LA |
| (7259) VANCE, William C Jr | B- 1874 LA       | D- 5 Jun 1910 TX | M- 6 Feb 1902 LA |
| (7261) VANCE, William C Sr | B-Abt 1840 SC    | D- 6 Oct 1898 LA | M- 1 Feb 1872 LA |
| (3523) VANCE, Allen        | B- 2 Jan 1803 SC | D- 1865 SC       | M-Abt 1840       |
| (1025) VANCE, Nathaniel    | B- 1762 NC       | D- 4 Nov 1812 SC | M-27 Mar 1788 SC |
| (1621) VANCE, Samuel Sr    | B- 1726          | D-26 May 1789 NC |                  |

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| (7258) VANCE, Larry A | B-20 Oct 1908 LA | D-               |
| (7260) ARNOLD, Mary E | B-11 Dec 1881 LA | D-26 Oct 1955 LA |
| (7262) VANCE, Nina    | B-27 Mar 1852 SC | D-15 May 1935 LA |
| (4081) CHAPPELL, Mary | B-Abt 1823 SC    | D-22 Jan 1883 LA |
| (1026) MCTIER, Mary D | B- 6 Mar 1769    | D-11 Nov 1842 SC |
| (101 ) UNK, Alice     | B-               | D-               |

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**194 Vance Road**

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| (7255) JENNINGS, Dale O    | B-24 Sep 1937 PA | D-               | M-22 Feb 1968 LA |
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| (7259) VANCE, William C Jr | B- 1874 LA       | D- 5 Jun 1910 TX | M- 6 Feb 1902 LA |
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| (1621) VANCE, Samuel Sr    | B- 1726          | D-26 May 1789 NC |                  |

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| (7256) HUNT, Larri J  | B- 4 Mar 1940 TX | D-               |
| (7258) VANCE, Larry A | B-20 Oct 1908 LA | D-               |
| (7260) ARNOLD, Mary E | B-11 Dec 1881 LA | D-26 Oct 1955 LA |
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| (1026) MCTIER, Mary D | B- 6 Mar 1769    | D-11 Nov 1842 SC |
| (101 ) UNK, Alice     | B-               | D-               |

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(6682) NASH, Gershon H  
(6681) NASH, Anthony  
(690) VANCE, William  
(681) VANCE, Robert Cap  
(74) VANCE, Samuel I

B-16 Aug 1939 CA  
B-10 May 1897 WI  
B-9 Nov 1871 Eng  
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B-21 Jun 1792 PA  
B-Abt 1736 VA  
B-Abt 1716 Ire

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D-26 Jul 1965 CA  
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D-5 Aug 1916 OR  
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D-20 May 1818 PA  
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M-28 Feb 1850 IA  
M-Abt 1819 PA  
M-20 Mar 1775 VA  
M-Abt 1734 VA

(6689) VACCHETTA, Kathle  
(6686) WRIGHT, Ruth E  
(6684) NASH, Ella A  
(6683) WALLACE, Nancy J  
(6680) VANCE, Eliza J  
(691) VANATTA, Rachel  
(682) WHITE, Jean  
(75) COLVILLE, Sarah

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B-22 Aug 1915 OR  
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D-26 Nov 1989 NM  
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(7293) VANCE, James

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B-5 Mar 1904 IA  
B-2 Dec 1876 KS  
B-Abt 1843 OH  
B-Abt 1816 OH

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D-23 Sep 1869 OH

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M-24 Sep 1901 IA  
M-8 Apr 1870 KS  
M-29 Oct 1840

(7286) VANCE, Nancy A  
(7288) MCCOMBS, Dorothy  
(7290) JOHNSON, Augusta  
(7292) BARNETT, Sarah  
(7294) HENDERSON, Maria

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B-8 Jan 1815 OH

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D-1 Jun 1865 OH

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**Clearwater FL 34623**

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(7449) NEAL, Robert T  
(7451) NEAL, William H  
(7453) NEAL, Unk

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B-30 Apr 1910 PA  
B-28 Mar 1881 PA  
B-8 Aug 1847 PA  
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M-13 Jul 1963 NY  
M-4 Sep 1939 PA  
M-15 Apr 1903  
M-Bef 1847

(7444) LIPPERT, Clara M  
(7448) NEAL, Amelia  
(7450) GOEPERT, Elizabeth  
(7452) MCCABE, Mary E  
(7454) VANCE, Mary

B-19 Sep 1932 PA  
B-10 Aug 1913 PA  
B-5 May 1882 PA  
B-8 Jul 1853 PA  
B-

D-  
D-  
D-14 Jul 1928 PA  
D-5 May 1930 PA  
D-1 Aug 1874 PA

**PRYOR, Martha**

**POB 2603 Marty Road**

**Lancaster OH 43130**

(7632) PRYOR, Reginald R  
(7630) ECKELBERRY, Roscoe HB  
(2264) VANCE, Timothy  
(2266) VANCE, Joseph C  
(2268) VANCE, Joseph  
(2270) VANCE, Joseph

B-  
B-11 Apr 1891 OH  
B-29 Nov 1864 OH  
B-8 Jul 1818 OH  
B-1775 VA  
B-1738

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D-27 Oct 1966 OH  
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D-23 Jun 1882 OH  
D-8 Jun 1824 OH  
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M-4 Oct 1980 OH  
M-3 Sep 1927 OH  
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M-3 Oct 1805 OH  
M-Abt 1763

(7631) ECKELBERRY, Marth  
(7629) VANCE, Helen M  
(2265) JOHNSON, Mary  
(2267) PHELPS, Margaret  
(2269) HART, Cynthia  
(2271) ALEXANDER, Rachel

B-13 Feb 1938 OH  
B-11 Mar 1896 OH  
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B-3 Mar 1828 OH  
B-8 Oct 1788 CT  
B-Abt 1730 Ire

D-  
D-23 Sep 1972 OH  
D-23 May 1954 OH  
D-13 Aug 1904 OH  
D-11 Jun 1873 OH  
D-1815 VA

**ROSTAMO, Terry M**

**7117 Stonehaven Court**

**Fort Worth TX 76179**

(7553) CARTER, Charles V II  
(7550) CARTER, Charles W II  
(7548) CARTER, Charles V  
(7547) CARTER, Charles W  
(7544) VANCE, James H  
(2101) VANCE, Robert  
(2103) VANCE, David

B-28 Aug 1957 OH  
B-2 May 1932 CA  
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B-1839 Can  
B-1804 Sco  
B-

D-  
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(7554) KUPPER, Lillian  
(7551) BROWN, Terry M  
(7549) PHILLIPS, Jane  
(7546) VANCE, Mable E  
(7545) SCOTT, Louise  
(2102) HOGG, Mary  
(2104) JONES, Agnes

B-16 Nov Swi  
B-24 Feb 1933 OH  
B-1937  
B-28 Feb 1876 CA  
B-27 Feb 1845 IL  
B-25 Feb 1804  
B-

D-  
D-  
D-1937  
D-9 Nov 1965 CA  
D-1899 CA  
D-6 Jan 1892 Ont  
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**VANCE, Lola J**

**2708 N Verde St**

**Tacoma WA 98407**

(7498) VANCE, Robert R  
(7504) VANCE, Russell W  
(7506) VANCE, Robert E

B-28 Jul 1933 SD  
B-Dec 893 NE  
B-1858 Can

D-  
D-23 Jun 1982 WA  
D-KS

M-31 Dec 1979 ID  
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M-11 Oct 1888 NE

(7503) SPLATER, Lola J  
(7505) CONWAY, Sarah L  
(7507) COULTER, Mary M

B-  
B-11 Jul 1902 SD  
B-17 Feb 1860 IL

D-  
D-  
D-11 Feb 1946 KS

**VANCE, Lonnie L**

**1205 Mesquite Trail**

**Benbrook TX 76126**

(7455) VANCE, Lonnie L  
(7464) VANCE, Mike  
(7462) VANCE, Elias L  
(7460) VANCE, Elijah  
(7351) VANCE, Richard

B-1941  
B-1913  
B-1874  
B-1846  
B-1822

D-  
D-1977  
D-1931  
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D-1863

M-20 Aug 1964  
M-9 Sep 1887  
M-24 Apr 1839

(7456) CONAWAY, Carol D  
(7465) DESKINS, Zelta M  
(7463) BAILEY, Elsie  
(7461) ENGLAND, Eliza J  
(7459) STATEN, Mary  
(2909) VANCE, Elizabeth  
(301) HOWARD, Susannah  
(7348) UNK, Jane

B-1945  
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B-1874  
B-1859  
B-1823  
B-1794  
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D-  
D-1984  
D-1954  
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D-

(300) VANCE, Abner Sr  
(7347) HOWARD, Abraham

B-Abt 1755  
B-1787 SC

D-16 Jul 1819 VA  
D-

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Local History & Genealogy Dept.  
Vance Family**

**NEW AND REVISED VFA PEDIGREES**

**VANCE, Paula J**

|                         |                  |                  |                  |                       |                  |                |
|-------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|-----------------------|------------------|----------------|
| (7192) CHANDLER, Morton | B-               | D-               | M-22 Oct 1968    | (7193) VANCE, Paula J | B-26 Jul 1943 IL | D-             |
| (7194) VANCE, Paul      | B-20 Dec 1916 IL | D-               | M-17 Dec 1939    | (7195) RAUSCH, Lois   | B-               | D-             |
| (7196) VANCE, Ed        | B-26 Jan 1891 IL | D-18 Nov 1972    | M- 8 Nov 1913    | (7197) VANCE, Opal M  | B-               | D- 7 Feb 1978  |
| (7198) VANCE, Josiah    | B-18 Oct 1850 IL | D-               | M-14 Mar 1872    | (7199) CLARK, Hellina | B-20 Aug 1852 OH | D-11 Jun 1901  |
| (7200) VANCE, James     | B-15 Feb 1825 PA | D-19 Feb 1895 IL | M- 7 May 1845 IL | (7201) PEARSON, Sarah | B-               | D-             |
| (690) VANCE, William    | B-21 Jun 1792 PA | D- 1865 IA       | M-Abt 1819 PA    | (691) VANATTA, Rachel | B- PA            | D- IA          |
| (681) VANCE, Robert Cap | B-Abt 1736 VA    | D-20 May 1818 PA | M-20 Mar 1775 VA | (682) WHITE, Jean     | B-Abt 1746 VA    | D- May 1834 WV |
| (74) VANCE, Samuel I    | B-Abt 1716 Ire   | D-18 Aug 1778 VA | M-Abt 1734 VA    | (75) COLVILLE, Sarah  | B-Abt 1715 Ire   | D-Abt 1792 VA  |

**VANCE, Robert D**

**643 W Bonnie Brae Ct**

**Ontario CA 91762**

|                         |                  |                  |                  |                         |                  |                  |
|-------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|-------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| (7913) VANCE, Robert D  | B- 7 Nov 1923 OH | D-               | M- 1953          | (7914) LEWIS, Lloydella | B-26 Oct 1924    | D-               |
| (7911) VANCE, Charles L | B- 2 May 1903 OH | D-24 Jun 1976 CA | M-11 Jan 1923 CA | (7912) GREER, Alice L   | B-18 Sep 1906 PA | D-               |
| (1935) VANCE, Charles L | B-23 Feb 1873 PA | D- 5 Aug 1965 CA |                  | (1936) ADAMS, Vinnie R  | B-19 Nov 1875 OH | D-20 Oct 1960 OH |
| (243) VANCE, Cyrus      | B- 3 Jun 1854 PA | D-13 May 1883 PA |                  | (244) GRINDLE, Amanda   | B- 2 Aug 1857 WV | D-27 Jul 1936 OH |
| (245) VANCE, Milton     | B- 1817 PA       | D-16 Oct 1887 PA |                  | (246) SHELLENBERGER, Ca | B- 1827          | D-30 Oct 1882 PA |
| (247) VANCE, John       | B-11 Jan 1797 PA | D-12 Mar 1886 IL |                  | (248) STRICKLER, Mary   | B- 1795          | D-16 Jun 1877 PA |
| (249) VANCE, Moses      | B-23 May 1773 PA | D-27 Jun 1829 PA |                  | (250) STRICKLER, Elizab | B- 1773 PA       | D- 8 Sep 1849 PA |
| (251) VANCE, John       | B-Abt 1730 VA    | D- 1778 PA       | M- VA            | (252) WHITE, Margaret   | B-               | D-               |
| (2040) VANCE, John      | B- 1699 Ire      | D-Abt 1760 VA    | M- 1721          | (2041) UNK, Elizabeth   | B-               | D-               |

**VANCE, Ronald Lee**

**135 W Commercial Ave.**

**Lowell IN 46356**

|                         |          |               |                  |                          |                  |               |
|-------------------------|----------|---------------|------------------|--------------------------|------------------|---------------|
| (7470) VANCE, Ronald L  | B-16 Nov | D-            | M- 5 Dec 1970 IN | (7471) CARSTENS, Denise  | B- 9 Dec 1948 IL | D-            |
| (7468) VANCE, Richard J | B-23 Aug | D-30 Nov 1980 | M- 6 Oct 1936 IN | (7469) JEFFRIES, Cora E  | B- 8 Mar 1911 IL | D-11 Oct 1958 |
| (7466) VANCE, Samuel N  | B- 2 Apr | D-26 Aug 1957 | M-20 Dec 1899 IN | (7467) JOBE, Mary F      | B- 2 Oct 1876    | D-16 Mar 1946 |
| (6073) VANCE, Jilson    | B- 4 Mar | D-            | M-31 May 1855    | (6080) EARL, Hannah A    | B-31 May 1855 IN | D-27 Jan 1920 |
| (564) VANCE, Robert     | B- 178   | D-Abt 1870 IN | M- KY            | (2715) TRUSSELL, Lucinda | B- 1803 KY       | D-Bef 1870 IN |
| (715) VANCE, William    | B-       | D- 1829 KY    | M- 6 Feb 1787 VA | (2598) HINTON, Rebecca   | B-               | D-            |

**1906 - Courtesy of Evelyn Patton**

# Souvenir



The school is out - a little draught  
We've drunk at Wisdoms Spring.  
May deeper draughts by us be quaffed.  
And may we to her cling.

## LUMBERTON PUBLIC SCHOOL District No. 3.

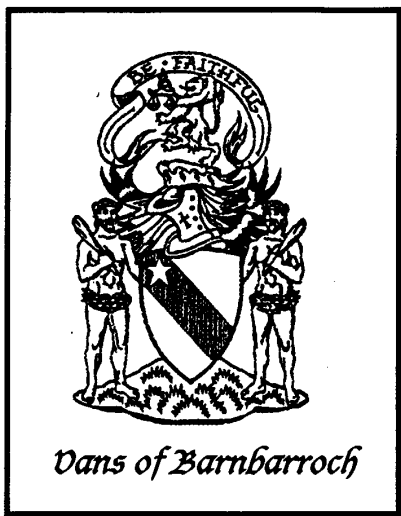
New Market Tp., Highland Co.,  
Ohio.

HILORA STOCKWELL,  
Teacher

### PUPILS

|                 |                |
|-----------------|----------------|
| Emma Jacobs     | Pearle Vance   |
| Essie Vance     | Leora Vance    |
| Minnie Jordan   | Reigh Emery    |
| Hazel Hathaway  |                |
| Homer Emery     | Harry Hathaway |
| Willie Hathaway | Alva Emery     |
| Oscar Hathaway  | Willie Tracy   |
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## *Ruins of Reverend John Van's Church Kilmacrenan County, Donegal, Ireland*



*Photo by VFA Member J. David Vance*  
See Article on Page -35-

*Don't Forget (See enclosed flyers)  
Sign up for Nashville meeting and order the Vance Tartan material*



### **President's Message**

Dear Vance Kinfolk,

Alas, it is with a strong sense of nostalgia that I write my final president's message for the Vance Family Association. It has been a great eight years, four as president and four prior to that as Vance Voss Smith's vice president. We have truly accomplished a lot as an organization and have much to be proud of. Before writing this message, I took time to review the fifteen newsletters Bruce Vance, Kathleen Mason, and our many distinguished writers have produced during my tenure beginning with the ones in late 1991 that outlined the organization's objectives going forward. Here's how we did:

- In 1991, our expenses were beginning to climb and we were considering raising our dues to \$20 per year. By decreasing postage costs and increasing our margins on a wide variety of Vance services, we have managed to hold dues at \$15 per year while increasing our bank balance.
- Four years ago, Mark Vance first approached us with the idea for a Vance tartan. As you can see from this newsletter, the design is complete and we are now accepting orders for material.
- With the help of our growing membership, Bruce and Kathleen have assembled one of the most extensive family pedigree systems in the country. Various pedigree reports are offered to our members at reasonable cost as are photographs of the Barnbarroch mansion, video tapes of the two VFA trips to Scotland, back issues of the newsletter, etc..
- We have established an archives at the Hanley Library in Winchester, Virginia.
- We have continued to encourage regional meetings by adding Ohio to the traditional mainstay in North Carolina.
- We revised the bylaws to conform to existing practice and to clarify the duties of the officers and the executive committee.
- We have continued to support the maintenance of the grounds at Barnbarroch and the Kirkenner Church as well as contributed routinely to Lanercost Priory.

Little did I know when I first met Alec Vans-Agnew at Barnbarroch in 1981, that he would organize the 600th anniversary gathering in 1984, and from that such a vibrant organization would emerge. I have met so many wonderful friends over the years, and had the privilege of working with an incredibly talented, committed and congenial group of individuals.

Ex-presidents of the VFA, however, do not disappear. They join the executive committee and as such I will be free to assist (i.e. meddle) whenever needed with the affairs of the new officers-elect. I hope they feel free to call upon me at any time. I am very proud of our organization and hope to be an active part of things for years to come.

I look forward to seeing many of you in Nashville. Sam Vance has planned a truly great agenda!!

*Bill*



## UNITED STATES HISTORY

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### MARRIAGE RECORDS

#### Preble County, Ohio Marriages 1808-1830, Short-Bowers Volume 1.

Vance, Mary - Hurtuh (Harter?) James - 2 Feb 1811  
Vance, Magdalene - John McNutt - 3 July 1825  
Vance, Mary - Nicholson Coleman - 16 June 1808  
Vance, Betsy - Thomas Phillips - 9 May 1812  
Vance, Peggy - John Stover - 8 Sept 1814  
Vance Polly - Andrew Zeek - 10 Sept 1830

- Research of Jean Vance

#### 7500 Marriages From 96 and Abbeville Districts in South Carolina (1774-1890)

(Married name of female from a previous marriage in parenthesis)

Vance, Allen - no date - Gray, Rebecca  
Vance, Allen - 1840 - Chappel, Mary M. (2nd wife)  
Vance, J. Wister - 186\_ - Vance, Susan of Tennessee  
Vance, James Kinkaid - 1842 - Watson, Louise Laurens  
Vance, James Kinkead - 1881 - (Hearst) Ann Childs  
Vance, John - no date - Hodges, Newella  
Vance, John - no date - (Sullivan) Ann  
Vance, John - no date - (Watson) Wright, Nancy  
Vance, John Chappell - no date - Pratt, Helen O.  
Vance, Nathaniel -1788 - McTeer, Mary  
Vance, Samuel - 1816 - (Armstrong) Kincaid, Eliza  
Vance, Samuel Watson - no date- Young, Mary Caroline  
Vance, \_\_\_\_\_ - no date - Dobbs, Z. T.  
Vance, \_\_\_\_\_ - no date - Gray, J. Walter  
Vance, Bessie - 1866 - Killingsworth, W. S. of Barnwell

- Research of Grace Dotson

#### Grainger County, Tennessee Marriage Records 1796-1837

Vance, Anna - 21 Dec 1831 - Beeler, Peter - Bondsman - Bunch, Joseph

#### McMinn County, Tennessee Marriage Records 1820-1870

Vance, John - 9 Mar 1843 - Crews, Nancy  
Vance, Huston - 5 Jan 1870 - McDaniel, Jane

#### Bible Records and Marriage Bonds (Knox Co. TN) by Acklen, in library Pineville, Missouri

Vance, Samuel - 30 Jan 1793 - Blackburn, Mary  
Vance, John - 4 Mar 1799 - Davidson, Martha  
Vance, Joseph - 29 Dec 1819 - Green, Elizabeth

- Research of Billie Brawner

**SUCCESS STORY #1**  
**DESCENDANT OF SAMUEL VANCE OF ABINGDON, VA**

Finding another generation is the ultimate goal of all researchers. Often what we find may help someone else. When Mary Norfleet joined VFA in 1984, VFA soon added another generation to her line, much to her delight. See Jan 1994 NL pg.11/20. Mary immediately began serious research on her John Vance<sup>2</sup>, son of Samuel Vance<sup>1</sup> of Abingdon, Va. I asked her to please copy any documentation of other Vances that she might run across. This might solve some other lines. Almost weekly reports were received. As I studied one of these reports, the name Calvin Vance caught my eye. I checked the Data Base Cross Reference list, and there he was!

Immediate contact was made to Paul and Madge Mitchell. Calvin Vance was Paul's ancestor. Madge had donated her book The Vances: So Ardently Do They Cleave to VFA. She had surmised the father of Calvin Sharp Vance probably was a John Vance and Mary, listed in the 1850 Sullivan Co. TN census records. Mary Norfleet provided further information that this was correct, and Calvin Sharp Vance's mother was Mary (Polly) King. Thus the line is Calvin Sharp<sup>5</sup>/Lucy Huddleston, John<sup>4</sup>/Mary King, Samuel III<sup>3</sup>/Elizabeth Little Brown (moved to Montgomery Co., Clarksville, TN), Samuel II<sup>2</sup>/Margaret Laughlin, and Samuel I<sup>1</sup>/Sarah Colville. Calvin Sharp Vance<sup>5</sup> and Lucy Ann Huddleston married probably in Benton Co., Missouri about 1857 and had 4 children born at Warsaw, Benton Co., Mo. The last child Nancy Vance was born about 1878 in Lead Hill, AR. Therefore Paul Mitchell and Mary Norfleet (and lots of others) share Samuel<sup>1</sup> as an ancestor. **End of Story?**

**Not so!** As I read Madge's book I noted Calvin Sharp Vance later moved from Sullivan Co. TN to Benton County, and finally to Lead Hill, AR.. Quick recall was that Mary Ewart and I have discussed that area of Boone Co. AR for 10 years, trying to identify her David Vance<sup>1</sup> #2061 (wife Annie E., and perhaps #2 Sarah) of NC and Hawkins Co. and Marion TN., whose son Dr. John Roger Vance<sup>2</sup> moved to AR. His son, Mary Ewart's grandfather Bascom James Vance<sup>3</sup>, was also a doctor who practiced at **Lead Hill, AR** before moving to Harrison, AR. Mary's father Henry Marvin Vance<sup>4</sup> was born in Lead Hill, AR 26 Mar 1879, only one year after Calvin Sharp Vance's son was born there! Lead Hill, AR and South Lead Hill, AR are small communities on the map, and not listed in an atlas index. Can this just be a coincidence of these Vance families living in such a small community, and no kinship? All these lines have the legend of a kinship to Gov. Zeb Vance (descendant of Samuel<sup>1</sup>), and now we know Paul Mitchell and Mary Norfleet's line is indeed 'related'. Anyone have any clues? Hoping for an update soon on David Vance #2061.

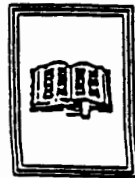
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**SUCCESS STORY #2**  
**ALEXANDER/WILLIAM VANCE LINE**

Whitney Vance Nicholson recently joined VFA and sent in her pedigree chart. Her last ancestors on the chart were William Vance Jr. (#6606) and Naomi Caven/Cavin. I wondered if there could be a connection between this line and Alexander<sup>1</sup> (#407) and William Vance<sup>2</sup> (#405) of Washington Co. VA, later Greene County, KY. From the files, I sent a few pages for her to review. She forwarded this to Jo Law Durham, who is doing the research on the family. Yes indeed, this was the correct family, and with her verification, Whitney added two more generations to her pedigree. It's not always that easy, but it just shows how important it is to send in your completed charts, and to share geneological information for your historian to refer to. Keep it up!

- Kathleen Mason.





### BIBLE RECORD

Bible owned by Chester M. Vance, Paducah, KY, descendant of Elizabeth (daughter of John) and Milton Vance, as listed in Celeste Coleman Steger's book The Life and Times of John Vance, donated to VFA by Robert Coleman. The John Vance born 1770 was the son David and Ruth Vance of Mecklenburg Co. NC, and therefore 'cousins' to Patrick and John Vance of Chambersburg, PA., and of James Alexander Vance of PA & Chester Co. SC.

#### BIRTHS

John Vance born 5 June 1770  
Martha Davidson Vance born 17th March 1780  
Milton W. Vance born 12th Sept 1813  
Samuel Vance (brother to John) born 5th July 1780

#### CHILDREN BORN OF JOHN AND MARTHA VANCE

David Wilson Vance born 11 Dec 1801  
William Davidson Vance born 17 Dec 1803  
Samuel Vance born 14 March 1805  
John Vance born 5 April 1807  
Eliza Davidson Vance born 4 Jan 1809 (born KY - 1850 census records)  
James Vance born 17 Oct 1810  
Ruth (Wilson) Vance born 7 Nov 1812  
Andrew Vance born 4 June 1814  
Jane Vance born 17 Feb 1816  
Messena Vance born 25 April 1818  
Martha Ann Vance born 26 Feb 1822  
Pleasant Augustus Hazelwood Vance born 21 July 1824

#### DEATHS

John Vance Sr. 13 Nov 1834  
Martha (Davidson) Vance 22 Oct 1834  
Samuel Vance (brother of John Sr.) 10 April 1836  
Samuel Vance (son of John Sr.) 13 Oct 1826  
James Vance 20 May 1826  
David Wilson Vance 18 May 1876  
Martha Ann Vance 19 May 1827

(Martha Ann's death is obviously a misreading when copying..she witnessed the sale of land from Andres Vance to John Vance on 10 July 1848. She was also mentioned in her father's will and other estate papers - he died 1834.)

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Date of Marriage of John Vance and Martha Davidson, Knox County, Tennessee 4 March 1799. Bondsman, Samuel Davidson. (This is same county that 'cousin' Patrick Vance of moved to from Chambersburg, Pa)

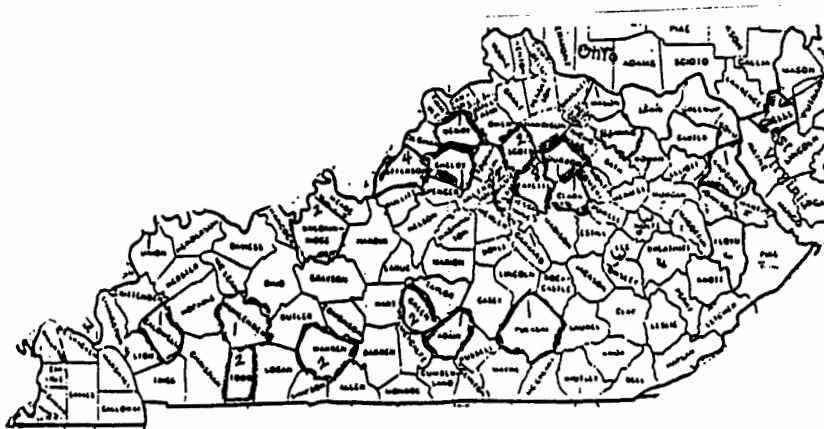
#### Marriage Bonds, Todd Co., KY, Books A and B. Children of John and Martha Vance.

1. William D. Massana Vance and Martha Gillum 18 Dec 1826 by William Steward. Book A
2. David W. Vance - "I certify that on the 7th day of December (no year given) I married David W. Vance and Lucinda Mann according to the rites of the Presbyterian Church. Legally authorized Wm. K. Steward. Book A p. 30.
3. Andrew Vance married Mary R. Sherman. 22 Nov 1827 by W. K. Steward Book A p. 40,
4. Ruth Wilson Vance married John Chesnut 1836. Returned 20 Jan, 1840.

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### Research of Betty Williams

| <u>County</u> | <u>Name</u> | <u>Household Number</u> |
|---------------|-------------|-------------------------|
| Warren        | Benjamin    | 75A                     |
|               | Henry H.    | 60A                     |
| Fayette       | Catherine   | 92                      |
|               | David       | 106                     |
|               | James       | 79                      |
|               | James       | 100                     |
|               | Jane        | 107                     |
|               | Louis       | 73                      |
|               | Patrick     | 79                      |
|               | Robert      | 79                      |
| Adair         | David       | 76                      |
|               | David       | 54                      |
| Union         | Ely         | 154                     |
| Breckenridge  | Issac       | 48                      |
|               | Thomas      | 40                      |
| Gerrard       | Jacob       | 108A                    |
| Jefferson     | James       | 34                      |
|               | Robert W.   | 50                      |
|               | Saml.       | 23                      |
|               | Saml.       | 52                      |
| Todd          | James       | 130                     |
|               | John        | 126A                    |
| Clark         | John        | 82                      |
| Scott         | Joseph      | 122A                    |
|               | Will.       | 100A                    |
| Muhlemburg    | Martha      | 205                     |
| Greene        | Richard     | 61                      |
|               | Richard     | 63                      |
| Caldwell      | Samuel      | 152                     |
| Pulaski       | Samuel      | 38A                     |
| Woodford      | Solomon     | 124A                    |
|               | Benjamin    | 103                     |
| Lawrence      | Thomas      | 7                       |
| Henry         | Tobias      | 212                     |
| Shelby        | William     | 151                     |
| Gallatin      | Joseph      | 124                     |



← Abner Vance family  
in Cabell Co. W. Va.

**LINCOLN CO. KY. LDS FILM #192262, MARRIAGE RECORDS.**

**File 3 #417.**

Jacob Pope and Polly Vance 10 Mar 1795, Consent by father, George Vance. Bond between John Pope and Joseph Vance. Joseph Vance, a witness to consent.

**File 6, #355**

Joseph Henderson and Betsy Vance. Consent George Vance. 30 July 1807. Test: Samuel Vance & John Stone. Bond between Jos Henderson & John Stone.

The red flag goes up every time we see the name George Vance. Who are George and Joseph Vance? Where did they move from? - Research of Virginia Lovett

**UPDATE: SWEARINGEN/BLUE JACKET/VANCE** See NL Apr 1993 pg 45.

The purpose of that article was an attempt to ascertain if the *Vance* Swearingen, brother of Marmaduke Swearingen had any kinship to the Vance family, as there were Van Swearingen/Swearingens in the Frederick Co. Va. area. The name was originally Van Swearingen, but later some generations dropped the *Van*, but continued to use it as a given name. A female line is very difficult trace, and they often named a son after their maiden name. We have a very alert membership. Bruce Vance sent me his copy of September 1994 National Genealogical Society Quarterly; Fay Morrison had the NGSQ mail me a copy, and Grace Dotson also alerted me about this update to the legend that Marmaduke Swearingen was the same person as Blue Jacket. Years ago, Virginia Roach referred me to the book The Frontiersmen, by Allen Eckert. This is a historical novel and Eckert accepted the legend, as did nearly everyone else writing about these two men.

Marmaduke Swearingen and Blue Jacket were real people, but this writer Louise F. Johnson, seems to prove they were not the same person, with many citations of evidence, too lengthy to discuss here. She states that Capt. Van Swearingen (known as "Indian" Van, 1742-93) has been consistently confused in Pennsylvania's county histories, with Marmaduke's brother Lieut. Van Swearingen (1754-1839), who died in Shelby Co., Ky. This would be the same person as was cited as *Vance* Swearingen in Eckert's book.. The date birth date of Van Swearingen (1754-1839) is documented by his Revolutionary War pension application where he states :

"I was born in the state (then colony) of Maryland about 10 miles from Hagerstown on the 3rd of November 1754. I was removed to the state (then colony) of Pennsylvania about 1770 to the part then known as Monongahela County, now Fayette County, at which place I resided until the hostilities commenced with Great Britain."  
(Van Swearingen, Lt/Pvt., MC/PA, No. S30401, National Archives, Washington, D.C.).

His will was executed 1 December 1832 and probated September 1839, Will Book 13:106-9, Shelby Co. Ky. and his tombstone in the Grove Hill Cemetery, Shelbyville, Ky. The Shelby Co. Van (the fourth great-grandfather of the author of this article Louise F. Johnson) was twelve years younger than "Indian" Van. The confusion of these two men, who shared the same name and lived in the same general area of western Pennsylvania, has no doubt contributed to many errors in the sundry renditions of the Marmaduke Swearingen (a.k.a Blue Jacket) story. The twelve year difference in the age of the two men may be part of the rationale for several authors assuming that Marmaduke was older than he actually was. The person who started this legend was Thomas Jefferson Larsh, grandson of Sarah (nee Swearingen) Larsh.

Assuming Louise Johnson's references are indeed correct, this would preclude a chance that Van (*Vance*) Swearingen's mother was a Vance and that he was named for her maiden name.. It should not be overlooked that the Van Swearingens and Swearingens certainly lived close to the Vances in many instances.

ATTENTION

The fourth family History Institute of Southwest Virginia will be held at the Holiday Inn in Wytheville, Virginia on May 6, 1995. If you are interested in attending an all-day geneological conference, please send a stamped self-addressed envelope for registration details. The program will be designed for beginners as well as those who are more experienced in geneological research. Book dealers will bhe on hand to sell their books. Contact Mary B. Kegley, Director, Family History Institute of Southwest Virginia, P. O. Box 134, Wytheville, Virginia 24382. Several VFA members plan to be there - join them! Thanks Grace Dotson.

**SCOTT COUNTY, KENTUCKY CEMETERY RECORDS.** Need some help in this area? Jean Vance, 3452 Papaya St., St. James City, FL 33956 has a book of cemetery records, and will check a family surname for you if you will enclose a self addressed stamped envelope. There are many familiar names, such as Black, Blackburn, Bradley, Carr, Crawford, Evans, Glass, Hamilton, Hanna, Hinton, Houston, Lindsay, Lindsey, McCabe, Massie, White, Wilson, etc. For the Vance family there are three family cemeteries, and some buried in Porter, Masonic, Sadieville and Barnhill cemeteries. Thanks, Jean.

**HISTORY OF MIFFIN COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, VOL. 1, DATED 1879.**

1790: First year of tax assessment: William Vance was taxed for 200 acres, 4 horses and 1 grist mill. Research of Phyllis Worrall.

**TENNESSEE WILLS & ADMINISTRATIONS 1779-1861**

|                                                      |                |
|------------------------------------------------------|----------------|
| VANCE, Adam - 1846 - will book - d - pg. 261         | Hardin Co.     |
| VANCE, Daniel - 1845 - will book - 146 -             | Wilson Co.     |
| VANCE, David - 1847 - will book - 13 - pg. 188       | Robertson Co.  |
| VANCE, David - 1851 - will book - 1 - pg. 264        | Blount Co.     |
| VANCE, David, Sr. - 1831 - loose records             | Sumner Co.     |
| VANCE, Elisha Q. - 1855 - will book - 16 - pg. 577   | Davidson Co.   |
| VANCE, Elizabeth H. - 1858 - record book o - pg. 674 | Montgomery Co. |
| VANCE, James - 1846 - 148 - 1 - 179                  | Greene Co.     |
| VANCE, James M. - 1861 - loose records -             | Giles Co.      |
| VANCE, James, Sr. - 1853 - will book - 5 - pg. 205   | Jefferson Co.  |
| VANCE, John - 1842 - will book - 4 - pg. 2           | Jefferson Co.  |
| VANCE, Martin - 1860 - will book - k - pg. 171       | Obion Co.      |
| VANCE, Mary - 1857 - will book - 5 - pg. 498         | Jefferson Co.  |
| VANCE, Patrick - 1803 - will book 1 - pg. 122        | Knox Co.       |
| VANCE, Philip - 1836 - will book - 2 - pg. 213       | Sumner Co.     |
| VANCE, Robert - 1829 - record book - f - pg. 5       | Montgomery Co. |
| VANCE, Saml. - 1819 - record book - d - pg. 190      | Montgomery Co. |
| VANCE, Samuel - 1829 - record book - f - pg. 6       | Montgomery Co. |
| VANCE, Samuel - 1839 - will book - 5 - pg. 3         | Grainger Co.   |
| VANCE, Samuel - 1858 - inventory book - 1 - pg. 553  | Cannon Co.     |
| VANCE, Samuel B. - 1830 - record book - f - pg, 81   | Montgomery Co. |
| VANCE, Sarah - 1830 - will book - 1 - pg, 56         | Lincoln Co.    |

**NORTH CAROLINA LAND GRANTS IN TENNESSEE 1778-1791**

Greene Co., 1786 - Samuel Vance - 250 acres on Little Chucky.

Middle District 1788 - David Vance - 1,000 acres on the head of the eastern branch of Stones River.

Middle District 1788 - David Vance - 1,000 acres on southside of Duck River.

Davidson Co., 1786 - John Vance - 3,840 acres on the northside Cumberland River at mouth of Brushy Creek.

- Research of Robert J. Hadeen

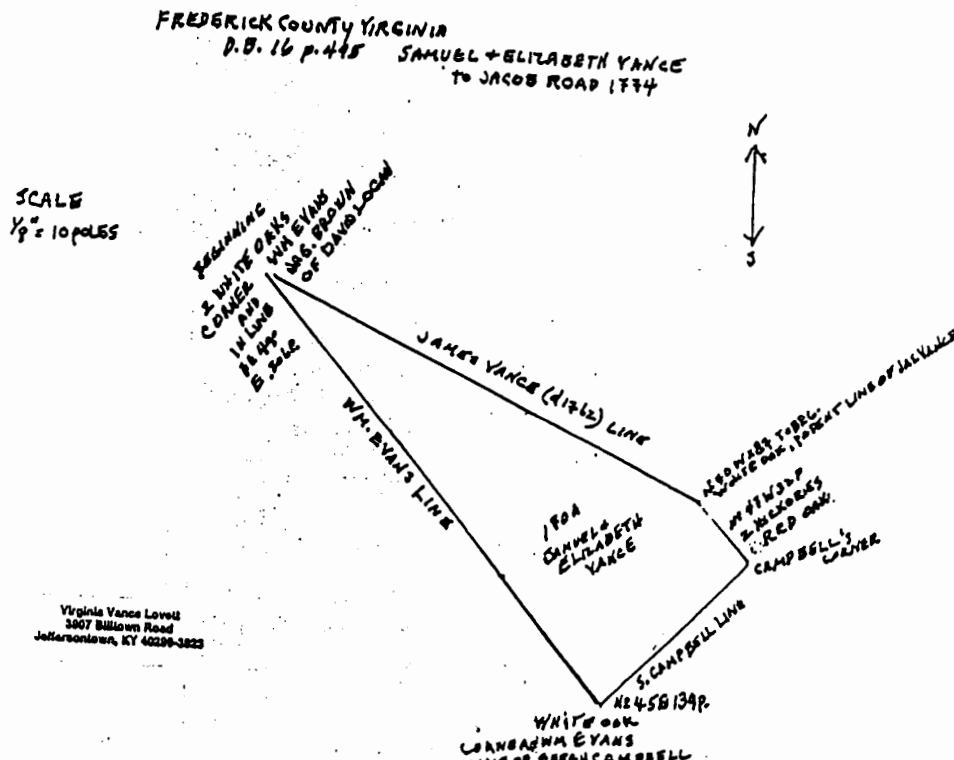
SAMUEL VANCE/SAMUEL C. VANCE  
FREDERICK CO./SHENANDOAH CO./ROCKBRIDGE CO. VA  
SULLIVAN COUNTY, TN  
By Kathleen Mason

Prefatory remarks: The genesis of this article began as far back as 1986 when Clay Hamilton and I were exchanging information of his Samuel Vance/Sarah Bird. A DAR Record showed Sarah Vance Marney as their child. Clay sent me a copy of Samuel's will probated in Bath County, Va. 1807 October Court. Samuel's daughter was named Sarah Vance Carter, proving his daughter could not be Sarah Vance Marney. DAR was contacted February 1995, and the record is still the same. They will be advised of this article and the correct parent of Sarah Vance Marney, so they can change their records. So, who was Sarah Vance Marney's ancestor?

A small file began to grow, as questions were asked, and members began to send in documentation. Thanks to Virginia Lovett, Grace Dotson, Mary Norfleet, Margaret Webb for their research, some of which overlapped, a clearer picture began to emerge. Our data base showed that we had three members from a Samuel Vance who died in Sullivan County, Tn., Delores Swaney (Elizabeth Vance Davidson Mackey), Gertrude Baughard (Sarah Vance Marney), Hester Stockston (Sarah Vance Marney). They were put in touch with each other, and they also shared their research. Many thanks to all.

Virginia Lovett sent an article 'What is Truth' from Beyond Germanna, v. 7, a.1, page 367. It emphasized the focus on searching for all evidence, not just "surface" proof or a point. The list of evidence is as important as the fact itself. Multiple pieces of independent evidence need to be used. Genealogical information usually contains both truths and untruths. We can only discover evidence that is there to be discovered, then weigh it by cross-verification. Finally, in the interest of reasonableness, we must at some point stop and say, these are the conclusions, thus far, based upon the given evidence. Therefore, I feel now is the time to print!

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Frederick Co. Va. Will of James Vance dated 21 Jan 1762, probated 2 March 1762, he leaves son John his plantation, and John is to pay James' daughters Margaret 10 pounds and Esther/Hester 5 pounds. The daughters received sundry other items, and son Samuel was bequeathed his great coat. No wife was mentioned. The following plat shows the location of the land of Samuel and Elizabeth Vance. It is logical that the James Vance next door is his father, and the reason that John received the plantation was that son Samuel already had land..



#### DOCUMENTED/KNOWN CHILDREN OF SAMUEL VANCE:

1. Sarah, married Amos Marney in Shenandoah Co. Va. 17 Apr 1786.
2. David . He is not mentioned in his father's will dated 11 Jan 1808, state of Tennessee. However in the Rockbridge Co. Va. Marriages, 1788-1850 by Kirkpatrick, Margaret Vance is shown as a sister of David on the marriage record and Samuel Vance as the father. Also in the Roane Co. TN. County Court, 6 Nov 1843, Sarah (Vance) Marney applied for a Rev. War Widow's benefit on Amos Marney. David Vance age 75 (?) appeared as one who personally knew her and her husband Amos Marney and that he was present at their wedding. These two sources verify that Samuel Vances's daughters Sarah Vance Marney and Margaret Vance Evans had a brother named David.
3. Elizabeth b. ca 1771 m. #1 William Davidson 11 Nov. 1790 Rockbridge Co. Va.  
m. #2 Henry Mackey 17 Sept 1795 Rockbridge Co. Va.
4. Margaret 'Peggy', m. Samuel C. Evans II 5 Sept 1799 Rockbridge Co. Va..

#### CHRONOLOGY OF DOCUMENTATION OF SAMUEL VANCE

##### FREDERICK CO. VA.

1. Frederick Co. Va. Samuel Vance granted 170 acres in Frederick Co. Recorded Book K 1757-62. Land adjoins James Vance who died 1762.
2. Frederick Co. Va. Samuel Vance, Carpenter and wife Elizabeth Vance on 4 May 1774 leases to Jacob Road for 5 shillings, 170 acres on a branch of Cedar Creek, corner to William Evans, James Brown, James Vance, etc. Signed Samuel Vance and Elizabeth Vance in presence of James Wilson, David Vance and William Wilson. This property was released the next day for 150 pounds. The Massengills, Massengales and Variants, by Samuel Evans Massengill, M.D. pg. 875 states the wife of *Samuel C. Vance was a Vance. This needs further research, and indeed may be true.* See plat previous page of their land..

##### SHENANDOAH CO., VA.

3. Daughter Sarah marries Amos Marney 17 April 1786, shown as Samuel's daughter.
4. Shenandoah Co. Va. 25 Apr 1788, Deed Book G, Page 30, Samuel and Elizabeth (his wife) of Shenandoah Co. Va. sells to Henry Richards, blacksmith of Shenandoah Co. Va. for 350 pounds, 265 acres on Cedar Creek, part of 400 acres granted to Joseph Butler from the Proprietors Office 11 October 1766. Signed Samuel. Vance, and the mark of Elizabeth Vance. No witnesses. [Do not have a record of deed where he purchased this. Shenandoah Co. will not copy deeds. This is the last record of wife Elizabeth that I have.]

##### ROCKBRIDGE CO., VA.

5. Daughter Elizabeth marries #1 William Davidson 11 Nov. 1790 Rockbridge Co. Va. and marries #2 Henry Mackey 17 Sept 1795, Rockbridge Co. Va.
6. Daughter Margaret 'Peggy' marries Samuel C. Evans II on 5 Sept. 1799 Rockbridge Co. VA; John Cree was the minister. She is shown as daughter of Samuel Vance, sister of David Vance. Samuel Evans father was Samuel Evans Sr. and his mother Nancy Colville, according to a written statement by Susan Cox Miller, their granddaughter. Family tradition is he met her when he visited the Shenandoah Valley with the Dulaney's, his cousins. There were other Evans families there, but relationship not known according to The Massengills, Massengales and Variants, pg. 865/7. by Samuel Evans Massengill, M.D.
7. Samuel Vance was apparently not a land owner in Rockbridge Co. according to Dr. Massengill. It is of interest that Dr. Massengill always refers to this Samuel Vance as Samuel C. Vance. The following document is the only one in my files where he uses the 'C' on a document. It is assumed he was in some kind of business evidenced by Power of Attorney from Sam C. Vance to Philip Snapp, Shenandoah Co., VA. (he was a carpenter in Frederick Co. Va.)

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Know all men by these presents that I, Samuel Vance, of the County of Rockbridge, and State of Virginia, have made and appointed, and by these presents, Doth, appoint and in my place and stead put, my true and trusty friend, Philip Snapp of Shenandoah County, and State aforesaid, my true and lawfull attorney, for me and in my home to collect and receipt for all moneys Due to me In the Countys of Hardy and Shenandoah, ...in a manner as I myself could do were I personally present....In witness this \_\_ day of Dec. 1898.

Sam C. Vance (Seal)

Samuel C. Vance

Sullivan County, Tennessee Deed Book Entries

- 11 Sep 1802, Samuel Vance of Sullivan County, Tennessee purchased 200 acres from Jeremiah Harris for the sum of \$1241 and 2/3 dollars. Witness: Elkanah R. Dulaney, Lawrence Snapp Signed by: Jeremiah (his mark) Harris (DB 4, pg. 477-478)
- 17 May 1803, Samuel Vance sold 120 acres to Samuel Evans for the sum of \$744. Land was near 'Waggon Road'. Witness: Phillip Snapp, John Vance Signed by: Samuel Vance (DB 4, pg. 554)
- 19 Feb 1805, Samuel Vance sold 80 acres to Samuel Evans for the sum of \$900. Witness: Jos. Carathers, Elkanah R. Dulaney Signed by: Samuel Vance (DB 4, pg 634-635)
- 2 Dec 1805, Samuel Vance sold three negroes, Pole and her two children, 'Joshua' and Edmond to Samuel Evans for the sum of \$1000. Witness: D. Yearly, Samuel Shorty Signed by: Samuel Vance (DB 4, pg 780-781)
- 7 Dec 1805, Samuel Vance sold at a public sale the following items: a wagon; gears; four head of horses; one black man; one Roan & two bay colts; six head of cattle; all farming tools; two feather beds and all household kitchen furniture. Property sold to John Stephens for \$252. Sale held on premises of Samuel Evans. Witness: William Snodgrass, Ezekiel Hay Signed by: Samuel Vance (DB 6, pg. 43)
- 11 Jan 1808, Samuel Vance sold three negro slave: woman named Pol, one man named Jos., and a boy named Ed; to David Yearly and Walter Johnson for the sum of \$400. Pole to serve one year, Jos to serve 5 years and Ed to serve 12 years for new owners. Witness: Samuel Evans, John (his mark) Taylor Signed by: Samuel Vance Registered August Session 1810. Exhibited in court a Bill of Sale from Samuel, late deceased to David Yearly and Walter Johnson. (DB 6, pg. 94-995)

- Research of deeds: Mary Norfleet and Virginia Lovett

WILL OF SAMUEL VANCE

In the Name of God Amen I Samuel Vance of the county of Sullivan in the State of Tennessee being weak of body but of sound mind memory and understanding, do make ordain and declare this my last will and Testament in manner following that is to Say I will and devise my personal estate and moveable property of whatsoever kind except my three negroe slaves for life named Joshua, Pol and Ed unto my three beloved daughters named Elizabeth Mackey wife of Henry Mackey Sarah Mainess wife of Amos Mainess and Peggy Evans wife of Samuel Evans to be equally divided between them Share and Share alike to hold the same forever. I hereby authorize constitute and appoint my friends John Vance and Geo Rutledge my Executors of this my last will and Testament hereby revoking disannuling and making void all former will or wills heretofore at any time by me made Signed Sealed and acknowledged before us this the 11day of January one thousand eight Hundred and Eight.

D. C. Yearsley

Sam Vance (Seal)

Walter Johnson

John x Taylor (his mark)

[Typed exactly as printed in Dr. Massengill's book page 875/6.]

In Ann Plummer Johnston's 1929 manuscript, pg. 14 she referred to a letter from Charles P. Vance, great grandson of Samuel Vance. He cites the will dated 11 Jan 1808, names the three daughters as above, but Sarah's husband is incorrectly typed as Amos Massey instead of Marney. After Dr. Massengill published his book using the name Mainess instead of Marney, Mrs. Gertrude Koster of Knoxville wrote him that the name should be Marney, not Mainess. A copy of his letter To Gertrude Hart, Lenoir City, TN dated 22 Jan 1935 Dr. Massengill states the name should be Marney instead of Mainess, and sent a tracing of the writing.. So, documenting Sarah Vance Marnev had some stumbling blocks, when just looking at published records.

*Sarah Mainess wife of Amos Mainess*

On November 1, 1938 Fannie Massengill Smith wrote out a list of the burial places of the ancestors of Pauline Massengill DeFriece, a descendant of Samuel C. Vance. It states:

"Great-great-great-grandparents, Samuel C. Vance and wife (parents of Margaret Vance Evans), are buried at Locust Hill, the home of your Vance-Evans and Massengill forebears. Dorthula Evans, their granddaughter, is also buried there. These three graves (no others buried there), are on the hill about 200 years south of the main residence now on the Massengill-Evans-Vance farm, which is located on Evans Creek at the crossing of the main Blountville and Bluff City Highway."

VFA Member Gertrude Baughard attempted to visit the burial place of Samuel C. Vance on the old family farm known as Locust Hill Farm, but the present day owners were not home. Member Delores Swaney found the farm near Blountsville, TN. The present day owners had recently moved into the house and did not know where the graves were, but was told that some negro slaves were buried on the property. Delores told her she was looking for three graves marked by field stones where her g.g.g. grandfather Samuel C. Vance, his wife and their granddaughter Darthula Evans were buried. Delores was given permission to search behind the house. Just behind the house was a field with three feet high grass with a hill. After walking up the hill, she found no field stones. When she turned around to walk back to the house, she saw three huge stones at the bottom of the hill. When she got close to those stones, she saw what she would call boulders about four feet in diameter. They were close together in a row. From the description in Dr. Massengills book, and this family reference, Delores would like to think that she did indeed find the resting place of her ancestors, and their granddaughter.



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**MARGARET (PEGGY) VANCE & SAMUEL EVANS**

Of the three daughters listed in Samuel Vance's will, only Margaret Vance Evans appears to have lived in Sullivan County, TN. Samuel Vance sold his land in Sullivan County to her husband, Samuel Evans. Apparently, Samuel Vance continued to live on his former land until his death.

Samuel Evans was born 1770, died 1842, married Margaret Vance in 1800. (Blountville Cemetery Records) No official record of Margaret's birth or death have been found, however, Mrs. Cherry in her manuscript of Andrew Vance lists her date of birth as 1780, although she gives no source. Supposedly, Samuel and Margaret Vance Evans were the parents of 12 children. (Tennessee Cousins) I have found records of the following:

1. Julia Evans--Witness to deed of trust between James Cox and Jonathan E. Vance, both her brothers-in-law. (D.B. 12, pg. 476-477) On 12 Oct 1850, Julia sold her interest in her father's estate to brother, Samuel Evans Jr. (D.B. 17, Pg. 63)
2. Samuel Evans JR.--Died 3 May 1881 aged 77 yrs 7 mos 14 days, married France (Fannie) \_\_\_\_\_ Massengill (widow of Dr. John Massengill). France died 7 Sep 1882, age 76 yrs 6 mos 15 da. Samuel was a Major in the Confederate Army. They had three daughters, one being, Josephine Evans Massengill. (Blountville Cemetery Records & Families and History of Sullivan County, Tennessee) Samuel Jr. bought out other heirs to keep his father/grandfather's land.
3. Elizabeth G. Evans--Born 14 Sep 1805, died 11 Mar 1890. (Blountville Cemetery Records) On 12 Oct 1850, Elizabeth sold her interest in her father's estate to brother Samuel Evans JR. (D.B. 17, Pg. 63)
4. Erskin E. Evans--Died prior to 1850. Erskin's only child: Margaret V. Evans Herrigan of Prairie County, AR. filed a claim on her grandfather, Samuel Evans' estate in 1850. (D.B. 16, pg. 251-252) On 12 Oct 1850, Margaret and her husband, Ambrose Herrigan sold their interest in her grandfather's estate to her uncle, Samuel Evans Jr. (D.B. 17, Pg. 63)
5. Nancy Evans--Married Robert M. Rhea and in Jun 1844, lived in Edgar County, IL. Robert and Nancy sold their interest in her father's estate to Samuel Evans Jr. (D.B. 14, pg 7-8)
6. Sarah Evans--Married John M. Davison. John and Sarah sold their interest in her fathers's estate to Samuel Evans Jr. (D.B. 13, pg. 261)
7. Adeline R. Evans--Born ca. 1815, married to Jonathan E. Vance (born ca. 1813) Jonathan and Adaline sold their interest in her father's estate to Samuel Evans Jr. (D.B. 13, Pg 484-485) 1860 Census shows three children: Mary, 21; Samuel, 17; Julia, 11. Son Samuel Vance was killed in the Civil War. (Families and History of Sullivan County, Tennessee)
8. Mary Evans--Married Abraham Spurgin. Abraham and Mary sold their interest in her fathers's estate to Samuel Evans Jr. (D.B. 13, pg. 261)
9. Phoebe Evans--On 12 Oct 1850, Phoebe sold her interest in her father's estate to her brother, Samuel Evans Jr. (D.B.17, Pg. 63)

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10. Margaret Evans--Born 1809, died 1891, married James Cox (born 1810, died 1897). Son Will Cox was killed in the Civil War. James and Margaret sold their interest in her father's estate to Samuel Evans Jr. (D.B. 13, pg. 258; Families and History of Sullivan County, Tennessee)
11. William D. Evans--Born ca. 1818, married Fanny D. \_\_\_\_\_ who died 8 Mar 1854, aged 26 yrs. Daughter, Ellen A. Evans died 10 Sep 1857. (D.B. 13, pg. 258-260; Blountville Cemetery Records) On 15 Feb, 1851, William D. sells his interest in his father's estate to his brother, Samuel Evans Jr. (D.B. 18, Pg. 98)

A possible 12th child is buried in the Blountville Cemetery. Records show a M. F. D. Evans, born 2 Nov 1819, died 17 Feb 1894. Tennessee Cousins names the 12th child of Samuel and Margaret Vance Evans as Darthula.

- Research of Mary Norfleet

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Analysis by Kathleen Mason: The following chart shows the lines of Adeline R. Evans, who married Jonathan E. Vance. Perhaps this will give a clearer picture of these families, and assist us in making a family connection. Dr. Massingill's book pg. 865 called Jonathan E. Vance a distant cousin of Adeline R. Evans. Samuel Vance/Sarah Colville and James Vance (father of Samuel C. Vance) both lived in the Cedar Creek area of Frederick Co. Va. Can someone help clarify this connection?

James Vance d. 1762 Frederick Co. Va.

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Samuel C. Vance = Elizabeth (Vance?)

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Margaret Vance = Samuel Evans Sr.

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Adeline R. Evans = Jonathan E. Vance

Samuel Vance d. 1778 = Sarah Colville

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Samuel Vance Jr. = Margaret Laughlin

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John Vance = Mary King

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Jonathan E. Vance = Adeline R. Evans

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### DAVID VANCE, SON OF SAMUEL C. VANCE

Besides the marriage record 5 Sept 1799 Rockbridge Co. VA naming David as a brother of Margaret Vance Evans, my files have nothing else on this son of Samuel C. Vance. However, See NL July 1986 pg 3 for Rockbridge Co. Va. Deed Records Index Book #1 which gives us a bit of information on him and his wife.:

7 Dec 1790 David Vance sells to John Stephens. DB B p 193

5 June 1792 David Vance to Amos Marney [his brother-in-law] DB B p 373. Samuel Vance a witness. [his father]

7 Oct 1800 David Vance and wife Margaret to David Taylor DB D p 294.

7 Oct 1800 Release of Dower rights by Margaret Vance, wife of David Vance. DB D p 296.

*Where did David and Margaret move to? Did they move to Roane Co. Tn. where the Marneys later moved to? Census/land records need to be checked. He did sign the Revolutionary War Widow's pension in 1843 for his sister Sarah Vance Marney in Roane Co.. Send in your research on this David, and there will be an update.*

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FAMILY GROUP SHEET  
Date: 15 February 1995

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| 1                      | Wife : Elizabeth VANCE .....                                     | 1                                                       | Husb : William DAVIDSON .....                       |      |                  |                |          |
|------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|------|------------------|----------------|----------|
| 2                      | Born : ca. 1771 .....                                            | 2                                                       | Born : .....                                        |      |                  |                |          |
| 2                      | Place : .....                                                    | 2                                                       | Place : .....                                       |      |                  |                |          |
| 2                      | Died : 24 July 1853 .....                                        | 2                                                       | Died : Before 1794 .....                            |      |                  |                |          |
| 1                      | Place : .....                                                    | 1                                                       | Place : .....                                       |      |                  |                |          |
| 1                      | Marr'd : 11 November 1790 Place: Rockbridge Co., Virginia .....  | 1                                                       | Bur'd : .....                                       |      |                  |                |          |
| 2                      | Place : Timber Ridge Chyd, Rockbridge Co. VA .....               | 2                                                       | Place : .....                                       |      |                  |                |          |
| 2                      | Fath.: Samuel C. Vance .....                                     | 2                                                       | Fath.: .....                                        |      |                  |                |          |
| Sources of information |                                                                  | This family is listed in:                               |                                                     |      |                  |                |          |
| 1                      | Rockbridge Co., Marriages 1778-1850 .....                        | "Mackey (Variously Spelled) & Allied Families"          |                                                     |      |                  |                |          |
| 2                      | Timber Ridge Chyd, Rockbridge Co. visit .....                    | by Beatrice (Mackey) Doughtie                           |                                                     |      |                  |                |          |
| 3                      | Rockbridge Co., Marriages 1778-1805 .....                        | "The Brick Church on Timber Ridge" by George West Diehl |                                                     |      |                  |                |          |
|                        |                                                                  | "The McClung Genealogy" by Wm. McClung                  |                                                     |      |                  |                |          |
| 3                      | Wife : Elizabeth VANCE .....                                     | 3                                                       | Husb : Henry MACKEY .....                           |      |                  |                |          |
| 3                      | Born : ca. 1771 .....                                            | 3                                                       | Born : 1758 .....                                   |      |                  |                |          |
| 3                      | Place : .....                                                    | 3                                                       | Place : Rockbridge Co., Virginia .....              |      |                  |                |          |
| 2                      | Died : 24 July 1853 .....                                        | 3                                                       | Died : 21 August 1826 .....                         |      |                  |                |          |
| 2                      | Place : .....                                                    | 2                                                       | Place : .....                                       |      |                  |                |          |
| 2                      | Marr'd : 19 September 1795 Place: Rockbridge Co., Virginia ..... | 2                                                       | Bur'd : .....                                       |      |                  |                |          |
| 3                      | Place : Timber Ridge Chyd, Rockbridge Co. VA .....               | 3                                                       | Place : Timber Ridge Chyd., Rockbridge Co. VA ..... |      |                  |                |          |
| 3                      | Fath.: Samuel C. Vance .....                                     | 3                                                       | Fath.: John Mackey .....                            |      |                  |                |          |
| 1                      | Moth.: .....                                                     | 1                                                       | Moth.: Mary Porter .....                            |      |                  |                |          |
| 1                      | 1 Hus: William Davidson m. 11 Nov. 1790 .....                    | 1                                                       | Wif: .....                                          |      |                  |                |          |
|                        | Occp.: .....                                                     |                                                         | Occp.: .....                                        |      |                  |                |          |
|                        | Resid.: .....                                                    |                                                         | Resid.: .....                                       |      |                  |                |          |
| Sex                    | Children's Name                                                  | Day                                                     | Month                                               | Year | City             | County         | State    |
| M                      | 1. Samuel Vance Mackey                                           | b                                                       | ca.                                                 | 1805 |                  |                | Virginia |
|                        | Spouse                                                           | d                                                       |                                                     |      |                  |                |          |
|                        | 1. Mary McClung                                                  | 1m                                                      | 29 March                                            | 1832 |                  | Rockbridge Co. | Virginia |
|                        |                                                                  | 1b                                                      | 13 August                                           | 1811 |                  |                |          |
|                        |                                                                  | 1d                                                      | after                                               | 1888 |                  |                |          |
|                        | 2. Eliza C. Newham                                               | 1m                                                      | 1 August                                            | 1844 |                  | Rockbridge Co. | Virginia |
|                        |                                                                  | 2b                                                      | ca.                                                 | 1820 |                  |                | Virginia |
|                        |                                                                  | 2d                                                      |                                                     |      |                  |                |          |
| M                      | 2. * 28 William Mackey                                           | b                                                       | 23 March                                            | 1807 |                  | Rockbridge Co. | Virginia |
|                        | Spouse * 29                                                      | d                                                       | 7 Feb.                                              | 1877 |                  | Fulton Co.     | Indiana  |
|                        | Rachel Wilson McClung                                            | 1m                                                      | 12 August                                           | 1831 |                  | Rockbridge Co. | Virginia |
|                        |                                                                  | b                                                       | 21 Oct.                                             | 1810 |                  |                | Virginia |
|                        |                                                                  | d                                                       | 12 Oct.                                             | 1853 |                  | Fulton Co.     | Indiana  |
| F                      | 3. Elizabeth "Betsy" Mackey                                      | b                                                       |                                                     |      |                  |                |          |
|                        | Spouse                                                           | d                                                       |                                                     |      |                  |                |          |
|                        | John McCorkle                                                    | 1m                                                      | 10 Feb.                                             | 1820 |                  | Rockbridge Co. | Virginia |
|                        |                                                                  | b                                                       | 14 Feb.                                             | 1797 |                  | Rockbridge Co. | Virginia |
|                        |                                                                  | d                                                       | 24 May                                              | 1865 |                  | Rockbridge Co. | Virginia |
| M                      | 4. John Mackey                                                   | b                                                       |                                                     |      |                  |                |          |
|                        | Spouse                                                           | d                                                       |                                                     |      |                  |                |          |
|                        |                                                                  | m                                                       | Young                                               |      | While at College |                |          |
|                        |                                                                  | b                                                       |                                                     |      |                  |                |          |
|                        |                                                                  | d                                                       |                                                     |      |                  |                |          |
| M                      | 5. Henry "Big Henry" Mackey                                      | b                                                       | ca.                                                 | 1812 |                  |                | Virginia |
|                        | Spouse                                                           | d                                                       |                                                     |      |                  |                |          |
|                        | Nancy Hamilton                                                   | 1m                                                      | 22 May                                              | 1837 |                  | Rockbridge Co. | Virginia |
|                        |                                                                  | b                                                       | ca.                                                 | 1818 |                  |                | Virginia |
|                        |                                                                  | d                                                       |                                                     |      |                  |                |          |

Additional information on family:

Henry Mackey inherited a 170 acre plantation in Forks of James River in Botetourt Co., Co., VA from his father.

- Samuel Vance Mackey is a Farmer and Millwright. He married 1st Mary McClung, the daughter of John & Mary (Stuart) McClung. Samuel married 2nd Eliza Newham, the daughter of James E. Newham. Samuel and Eliza are listed on the 1850 Rockbridge Co., VA and 1870 Augusta Co., VA census.
- William Mackey See FGS #28-29
- Elizabeth Mackey m. John McCorkle. John is listed on the 1860 Lexington, Rockbridge Co., VA and is buried in Stonewall Jackson Cem., Lexington, VA. He is the son of Rev. Alexander and Mildred (Welch) McCorkle.
- John Mackey died while in college.
- Henry Mackey married Nancy Hamilton the daughter of William and Mary (Thompson) Hamilton. They are listed on the 1850, 1860, 1870 Rockbridge Co., VA census.

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|------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|--|
| Sources of information |                                               | This family is listed in:                      |  |
| 1                      | Rockbridge Co. Marriages 1778-1850 .....      | "Mackey (Variously Spelled) & Allied Families" |  |
| 2                      | Rockbridge Co. VA Marriages 1778-1805 .....   | by Beatrice (Mackey) Doughtie                  |  |
| 3                      | Timber Ridge Chyd, Rockbridge Co. visit ..... | "The Brick Church on Timber Ridge" by George   |  |
| 4                      | .....                                         | West Diehl                                     |  |
| 5                      | .....                                         | "The McClung Genealogy" by Wm. McClung         |  |

\* Pedigree Position Number

FGS0056.FRM

Children of Sarah Vance/Amos Marney  
Research of Gertrude Baughard

1. Betsy, born 10 Sept 1787 married Tom Forrester.
2. David, born 13 Nov 1789.
3. Samuel born 3 Feb 1793 married Betsy Marr
4. Robert\*, born 8 July 1795, married Anne Stevenson
5. Amos Jr\* , born 15 Jan, 1797, married Patsy Young. He died 20 Dec 1846 Roane Co. TN, buried Marney graveyard, Loudon Co. TN, located in Stockton Valley on Highway 72, just across the Roane County line.
6. Polly, born ca 1798 married Joseph Rayburn
7. Elizabeth, born 22 Oct 1801 married Isaac Bailey
8. Sarah, born 19 Feb 1802, married Solomon Forrester
9. Phoebe, born Sept 1804 married Lee Bowers
10. Letitia, born July 1806, married John Sawyer Hart
11. Rebecca. born 1809
12. Margaret, married Tom Forrester
13. Melinda, married John Wilson
14. Patsy, married Henry Davidson

\* additional information follows.

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ESTATE OF AMOS MARNEY, JR

FOUND IN ATTIC OF OLD COURTHOUSE, KINGSTON, ROANE COUNTY, TENNESSEE:

*"TO HONORABLE THOMAS L. WILLIAMS, CHANCELLOR EASTERN DIVISION OF TENNESSEE" petitions: Rufus Marney and Levy Lineberry adms. of estate of Amos Marney, late of Roane County, Tennessee, died intestate. State: at January County Court of Roane County 1847..they were appt'd adms...have exhausted all personal effects belonging to intestate (had not enough to pay all debts against estate). Their intestate died seized and possessed of various land tracts at his death, a portion of which it will be necessary to sell under direction of Court (wish to sell a 640 acre tract)..that said land is so situated that it does not interfere with the home place nor interfere with lands necessary for support and maintenance of widow and children. Petitioners state said Amos Marney at death left his widow Patsy Marney and his daughter (1) Sally who married Wm. Blake, (2) Nancy who married Joseph Phifer, (3) Rufus (petitioner), (4) Patsy who is not married and (5) Polly who married Anderson Stockton, who was over 21 years and resides in Roane County, (6) Malinda Marney and (6) Lucinda Marney all over 21 and reside in Roane Count and (9) Amos Marney, a minor and resides in Roane County with his mother Patsy Marney, widow also (10) Betsy who married Thomas Stockton, Jr who lives in parts unknown to your petitioners, Rufus Marney and Levi Lineberry, adms of Amos Marney, Dec'd*

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- research of Margaret Webb

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BOURBON COUNTY KENTUCKY WILL OF ROBERT MARNEY WILL BOOK B Page 264  
Written 24 January 1805 Proved March Court 1805

In the name of God Amen. I Robert Marney of the County of Bourbon and State of Kentucky being weak in body but of sound mind and memory considering the uncertainty of this mortal life and that it is appointed for all men once to die and wherein it hath pleased Almighty God to bless me with a competent portion of the good things of this life. Therefore it is my will and desire to dispose of the same in the following manner Viz - Item: I give and bequeath unto my beloved grand-children John Batson and Mary Drummonds all and every of my estate real and personal to be equally divided between them except so much of my estate as will pay all my debts and also my funeral expenses. Also so much as will settle the legal claims of my sons JOHN, JAMES, AMOS, DAVID and JONATHAN, and daughters RACHEL and REBECCA as the(y) have got their full shares I do hereby appoint my trusty friends James Drummonds and Mordicai Batson executors of this my last Will and Testament hereby revoking all and every Will of Wills formerly made by me the said Robert Marney. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this Twenty fourth day of January in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and five.

Signed sealed published and declared by the  
above named Robert Marney to be his last will                      Robert Marney (Seal)  
and testament in the presence of us who is in

(Pg. 265) the presence of one another have hereunto subscribed our names as witnesses in the presence of the Testator

Robert Battson

William Battson

Bourbon County March Court 1805

This last Will and Testament of Robert Marney dec'd was produced in Court and proved by the oaths of Robert Battson and William Battson witnesses thereto and thereupon ordered to be recorded

Whereupon James Drummonds and Mordicai Battson who were named as executors by the said will came into Court and made oath thereto and together with Henry Thompson and James McClelland their securities entered into and acknowledged their bond in the penalty of £ 200 conditioned as the law directs. Certificate is granted to the said executors for obtaining probate thereof in due form of law.

Attest Will. Garrard jr C.B.C.

(Pg. 270) Bourbon County March Court 1805

The inventory of Robert Marney's estate Viz

|                                   | £  | s  | d  |
|-----------------------------------|----|----|----|
| To one brown mare                 | 13 | 10 |    |
| 1 black filly                     | 15 |    |    |
| Flax unwatered                    |    | 6  |    |
| 7 shotes                          | 1  | 3  |    |
| 6 saug pigs and one barrow        | 3  |    |    |
| 1 coe and calf                    | 3  | 6  |    |
| 1 brindle cow and calf            | 3  |    |    |
| 1 red steer                       |    | 18 |    |
| 1 hogshead and barrel             |    | 3  |    |
| (Pg 271) Doubletrees and clevices | 15 |    |    |
| 1 old ax                          |    | 4  | 6  |
| 2 old pair of horse geers         | 1  | 10 | 0  |
|                                   | 41 | 5  | 6  |
| Old Iron tools                    |    | 12 |    |
| 1 shovel plow                     |    | 15 |    |
| Tub and flaxbrake                 |    | 1  | 6  |
| Upper leather                     |    | 9  |    |
| Mattlock and pitchfork            |    | 7  | 6  |
| 3 spinning wheels                 |    | 1  | 10 |

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|                             |                      |
|-----------------------------|----------------------|
| 1 grindstone                | 2 sh 6 d             |
| Sundries old ware           | 3 sh                 |
| Do Wooden Do                | 1 sh 6 d             |
| 1 Flax hackle               | 10 sh                |
| 1 churn                     | 4 sh 6 d             |
| 5 barrels of corn           | <u>1 £ 10 sh</u>     |
| Amount brought brought over | <u>7 £ 18 sh 6 d</u> |
|                             | 49 £ 2 sh 0 d        |
| Bacon                       | 6 £ 10 sh            |
| 1 chain                     | 6 sh                 |
| Scythe and hangings         | 9 sh                 |
| Flesh fork and ladle        | <u>6 sh</u>          |
|                             | 56 £ 7 sh            |

John Rule  
John Miller Sen  
Robert McClelland

Bourbon County April Court 1805

This inventory of the appraisement of the estate of Robert Marney has returned examined and ordered to be recorded.

Attest Will Garrard jr. C.B.C.

- Research of Virginia Lovett

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**TENNESSEE**

**CARTER COUNTY.** In a query NL Oct 1993, pg. 112 your historian inquired about the identity of John Vance bv. 1753, d. 1 May 1830 buried Buck Ridge Cemetery, Carter Co. TN. Mary Norfleet noticed in NL Jan 1988 pg 10 that a family group sheet of Samuel Vance and Agnes Penquite listed a John Vance b. 12 Sept 1753, Bucks Co. PA. This John's brothers Thomas and James moved to Tennessee in the Smith/Jackson Co. area. Can this John be the brother of Thomas and James? Does anyone have any information on this Carter Co. John Vance that could tie him to this family, except for the year of birth? If your line is still 'lost in Tennessee', you may wish to check this family out. Please send your findings to your historian. Thanks Mary for this potential clue.

**GREEN COUNTY.** We are still trying to identify the Samuel Vance, Rev. Pensioner See NL Jan 1989 pg 7. Mary Norfleet found a reference to marriage of a Samuel Vance to Rachel Cherry, 17 Jan 1785 in Green Co., TN. Is this the same Samuel? We really need to identify this Samuel. Looks like he could have been related to the James Vance pg. 6, same issue. They sometimes had the same commanding officer. Please assist if you have Tennessee documents.

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**FREE! FREE!** Not many things are free today, especially in genealogy. The bi-monthly international newspaper, called *The Family Tree* is a publication of the Ellen Payne Odom Genealogy Library, P. O. Box 1110, Moultrie, GA 31776. It has a circulation of nearly 40,000, and is filled with family history, as well as ads for genealogical items and services. No subscription charge, but postage contributions are greatly appreciated. - km

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PRESIDENT ANDREW JACKSON

THE SMITHSONIAN GUIDE TO HISTORIC AMERICA

PAGES 261-262 ROCKY MOUNT: Built in 1770 by William Cobb served as the first capital of the Territory of the United States South of the Ohio River, as this frontier region was known from 1790-1792, before it was divided into states. The two and one half story log home sits high on a hill overlooking the forks of the Holston and Watauga River. The site is strewn with large limestone outcroppings, which give the house its name.

During his stay at Rocky Mount the territorial governor, William Blount, wrote, "I am very well accommodated with a Room with Glass Windows, Fireplace, etc". Mrs Cobb's first cousin, Andrew Jackson, was a frequent visitor. The house remained in the Cobb family until 1959 when it was purchased by the state and restored to its 18th century appearance. It is now operated as a living history site, recreating the year 1791-the year for which there exist the most detailed records of who was at Rocky Mount and what happened there.. The site also includes the MASSENGILL MUSEUM OF OVERMOUNTAIN HISTORY.

Location: 4 miles northeast of Johnson City (TN) on Route 11-E.  
Phone 615-538-7396.

I called the number above and talked to the woman who plays Mrs Cobb in the reenactment. I asked "How was Mrs Cobb Jackson's 1st cousin?"

TRADITION! someone said a cabinet there would have a divided drawer and when located sure enough--a drawer divided --half to store Cousin Andy's likker--half for silver ware. They have done much research--think his mother was a WHITEHEAD from Nothhampton CO NC (near Roanoke Rapids). Address is :

ROCKY MOUNT  
200 Hyder Hill Rd.  
Piney Flats TN 37686.

She said they will welcome any thing to help them establish the identity of Jackson's mother.

GRACE DOTSON  
973 FOREST DRIVE  
HARLEM GA 30814

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## NAMES AND FACES

### Awards

**Cyrus R. Vance** can add another achievement to his resume: the **Harry S. Truman** Award for Public Service. The former secretary of state joins an illustrious list of recipients, including former President **Carter**, the late Vice President **Hubert H. Humphrey** and **Coretta Scott King**. Vance, a 77-year-old New York lawyer, resigned abruptly from the Carter administration in 1980 after a failed commando attempt to free U.S. hostages in Iran. Most recently he was involved in efforts to resolve the crisis in the former Yugoslavia. Independence, Mo., Mayor **Ron Stewart**, who will present the award May 12 at the Truman Library, made the announcement Tuesday.

ST. LOUIS POST-DISPATCH

## Little Town Holds Little Claim To Fame

VANCE, Ala. (AP) — The local folks say Davey Crockett once slept here. Fifty years later, Civil War soldiers fought "a little scrimmage" nearby.

But until the shiny-shoed executives of Mercedes-Benz came here searching for a place to build a new plant, Vance, a rural, blue-collar town, had little claim to fame.

About 250 people live in Vance, which sits about halfway between Tuscaloosa and Birmingham in west-central Alabama.

Most work at the two local sawmills or two wood-products plants. Some travel to work at a nearby coal mine. The town is also a quiet home to a number of retirees.

While income levels are modest, Vance shows no signs of being on the economic skids.

Inside its city limits, Vance has only one school and one post office. But its location gives Mercedes-Benz easy access to two major resources — the University of Alabama's main campus at Tusca-

loosa, about 20 miles to the west, and Birmingham's sprawling, wooded and well-to-do suburbs just a 20-minute drive to the east.

Vance is right off Interstate 20-59, which runs between Birmingham and Tuscaloosa. A railroad route also runs through the area where the plant is anticipated.

Vance was once called Trion but later took the name of Dr. William Vance, who had numerous kin in the area. The doctor's old wooden house still sits on the road that runs through town.

According to some longtime residents, legend has it that Davey Crockett slept in Vance on his way to Tuscaloosa in 1815.

Mary Martin, a retired postmistress who is on the town council, remembers some other history.

"Way back yonder when the Civil War came on, they had a little fight back here ... a little scrimmage right outside of Vance," she said. But otherwise, she added, "it's not real famous for anything."

RUTH NEEDHAM



**DONEGAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, MT. JOY, PENNSYLVANIA**

By Kathleen Mason

Phyllis and Ted Worrall attended the church services at Donegal Presbyterian near Mt. Joy, Lancaster County, PA. late in 1994. They talked to Mary Kaines who showed them the Donegal History references on the Vances. An invitation was given to attend the "Donegal Society Meeting" held on the third Thursday of June at 10 a.m. Anyone interested may attend. It is a reunion with music, etc.

According to the Donegal Church Records, this is the only Vance buried there: Grave #173, horizontal limestone, about 30 x 60 inches. Anna Cook Vance had been the widow of Samuel Cook, Esq. She is buried beside Samuel. Phyllis enclosed a photo of the gravestone.

"Sacred to the memory of ANNA VANCE, consort of Joseph Vance, who departed this life on the 27th day of February A.D. 1819 in the 66th year of her age.

In faith she died, in dust she lies,  
But faith forseees that dust shall rise.  
The flesh rests here, till Jesus come.  
And claims the treasure from the tomb.  
Pity the man who buries here  
All that on earth to him most dear.

From a book NOTES AND QUERIES' AT DONEGAL CHURCH: "This family removed from Big Chickies to Cumberland County at or near Hogetown. Marjorie Byrnes was the Grandmother of Col. A. Ludden (? Louden) Snowden."

Below the above notation was the following list of names, and Phyllis did not know if they were from the area mentioneed above. Can anyone identify this family?

#62 Elizabeth Scott, Ann Vans, Jo. Vans (probably John or Joseph), Arthur Vans, Mrs. Pedan

This location of this tombstone of Anna Cook Vance would seem to complete the family group sheet names and burial places of the 3 wives of Col. Joseph Vance of Cross Creek, PA., son of Maj. William Vance. The History of hte Cross Creek Graveyard and Cemetery by Jamers Simpson, pg. 66 lists:

The body of JOSEPH VANCE was interred here May the 6, 1832, in the 82nd year of his age.

ANN VANCE, died April the 17th, 1788, in the 37th year of her age. [She was Joseph's first cousin, his first wife, and daughter of David Vance Jr., who died 1768 Frederick Co. Va.]

MARY MOORE, wife of Joseph Vance, died January 2nd, 1851, in the 68th year of her age.

*Comment: I do not know why Anna Moore Vance was not buried at Cross Creek, but was returned to Donegal to be buried besides her first husband, Samuel Cook. It might be surmised she had children by Cook. I have no records either way, but that may be the reason.*

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Ted, Phyllis and son Rob recently visited Kyoto, Japan. Ted photographed a shop named Vance Patisserie (bakery shop). It was closed for the holiday, so they could not find the origin of the name. She is contacting Alan Taplin, VFA member sho lives in nearby Osaka, to see if he knows anything about the shop. Phyllis and Ted also shared with us photos of name-places in France and Belgium on a previous trip. Looks like the Vance name can literally be found everywhere!

(See Queries)

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**Robert Vance of San Francisco An Icon of Three Dimensional Photos**

Gene F. Vance, a VFA Member from Dallas Texas sent a newspaper column titled 'NEW INTEREST IN SOME OLD PHOTOS.' It was written by Joe Mahoney of the Albany Times Union and appeared February 15th 1994. Gene suggests that this is not only interesting but might help a VFA researcher find an ancestor. If any member connects to this Robert Vance, let us know for a follow up story.

The author writes 'More than a century ago, pioneering photographers captured images on silver surfaced brass plates called daguerreotypes. The images were as sharp as anything that can be shot with modern film, but the process was cumbersome and clunky and worse for those with commercial instincts the daguerreotype image could not be reproduced. Eventually, somebody came up with a better mousetrap and daguerreotypes fell by the wayside. But modern-day collectors of photographic memorabilia have fallen in love with daguerreotypes, driving up prices and thus interest in this particular type of old stuff.'

He continues 'Now, what is being billed as one of most exciting antique photographic finds of the past two decades is about to be sold to the highest bidder at the Albany Auction Gallery in Glenmont, N.Y.' 'Creating the most interest are four stereo daguerreotypes depicting street scenes of San Francisco in 1856. These images of the city by the bay in the post-gold rush era are believed by experts to be the only stereo daguerreotypes known to exist of American street scenes.'

'Because they are stereoptic, they offer a three-dimensional view. The images are the work of Robert Vance, who had the premiere photo studio in California in the mid-19th century. "Essentially, he was the, Matthew Brady of California," says Peter Palmquist, a photographic historian who lives in Arcata, Calif.'

'The stereo daguerreotype expected to spark the highest bidding at the March 4 sale depicts Sacramento Street in San Francisco from a vantage point believed to have been the roof of Mr. Vance's gallery. The shot is thought to have been made in 1856.'

**Greetings from Northern Ireland to the 1984 Tour Group,** Gloria and Gene Vance, Peggy Kopmann, Earl and Marilyn Myers, from William and Glynnis Vance Armstrong. A recent surprise phone call to Kathleen Mason from William brings greetings and assurance that he is still working on Vance research. The Armstrongs invited the tour group to their lovely home for tea in 1984. When the other members were later going to Northern Ireland, Kathleen Mason insisted they call the Armstrongs, and they all had wonderful visits. William mentioned corresponding with VFA member Mary Alexander and mentioned Sarah Vance and William Moore. Kathleen quickly said they were her husband Herman's ancestors, and Bible Records record they were married at Bellaghy, County Derry. A quick response from William was that Bellaghy was only 15 miles away and Glynnis was related to that group! So, now we have a family connection with several of our members to Glynnis Vance Armstrong. With a voice of sadness, William told me that Glynnis' mother, Mrs. Vance had passed away last October. This is a very close knit family, and we send our condolences. We eagerly look forward to any new research from William. Incidentally, Kathleen has their phone and fax number. If you are going that way, give them a call.

**Betty Silfies tells us of a quarterly publication 'Frederick Findings.'** It contains genealogical data from the original area of Frederick County and the counties of Virginia - Clark, Page, Shenandoah and Warren. It includes Berkeley and Grant Counties of West Virginia which were carved from Frederick. It has over 200 pages stressing original source material. The quarterly is \$20 per year, \$38 for two. Published by Lineage Search Association, 7315 Colts Neck Road, Mechanicsville, VA 23111.

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**Miscellaneous**

**Revolutionary War Vance's from DAR Registry**

*Caution (The following data may not agree with data on the VFA database - validate any data before using)*

| VFA Database Number | First Name   | Born/Died                      | Spouse(s)                                             | Military Information |
|---------------------|--------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|----------------------|
| 300                 | Abner        | bc 1759 NC d 6-unk-1819 VA     | Susannah Howard                                       | PS VA                |
| 88                  | David        | b1748 VA d 1813 NC             | Priscilla Brank                                       | Capt NC              |
| 2933?               | David        | b --- IR d 1-7-1801 NC         | Ruth                                                  | Pvt NC               |
| None                | David        | b 1-20-1737 VA d 10-4-1819 IN  | Margaret Colville                                     | Maj PS PA            |
| 3200 and 1049       | David        | b1749 VA d 12-19-1816 KY       | Sarah Quimby                                          | Pvt VA               |
| None                | Edward       | b 1754 NJ d 1-23-1808 NJ       | Sarah Pierson                                         | Pvt MM NJ            |
| 2955                | Handle Sr    | b c 1725 GR d c 1797 VA        | Elizabeth                                             | PS VA                |
| 1011                | Isaac        | b 2-11-1754 VA d 11-5-1837 PA  | (1)Mary Cotton<br>(2)Mrs. Anne Yerty                  | Sgt PA               |
| 2595                | James        | b 8-3-1753 IR d 3-9-1833 PA    | Amy Slack                                             | Pvt NJ PNSR          |
| 2706                | James        | b 9-15-1760 VA d 5-10-1836 VA  | Bethia Kinkade                                        | Pvt VA PNSR          |
| None                | John         | b a 1730 d a 7-20-1782 MD      | Agnes                                                 | PS MD                |
| None                | John         | b c 1746 VA d 2-8-1827 VA      | Nancy                                                 | SgtMaj Clerk VA WPNS |
| 1013                | John         | b 1730 VA d 8-13-1796 PA       | Isabella                                              | Pvt VA               |
| None                | John         | b 2-12-1736 d 8-20-1823 VA     | Jane                                                  | CS VA                |
| None                | John Carlow  | b 1752 NC d 1806 NC            | Sarah                                                 | 2 Lt NC              |
| 578                 | Joseph       | b c 1750 VA d 5-6-1832 PA      | (1)Anne<br>(2)X<br>(3)Mary Moore                      | Pvt PA               |
| 2270                | Joseph       | b c 1740 d p 8-7-1798 VA       | Rachel Alexander                                      | PS PA                |
| 3202 and 390        | Joseph(Col ) | b 10- -1759 VA d 8-5-1809 OH   | Sarah Wilson                                          | Pvt VA               |
| None                | Kennedy      | b 1728 IR d 1785/6 NC          | Mrs. Phoebe (Potter) Pettit                           | Pvt NJ               |
| 1025                | Nathaniel    | b 1753 NC d 11-4-1812 SC       | Mary Dunbar McTeer                                    | Pvt NC               |
| 4161?               | Patrick      | b c 1745 d 1- -1803 TN         | Elizabeth                                             | CS PS PA             |
| 2856                | Patrick      | b c 1755 d c 1791 VA           | X Sol                                                 | Dr PS VA             |
| None                | Philip       | b c 1740 PA d 1790-93 PA       | Mary                                                  | Pvt PA               |
| 681                 | Robert       | b c 1736 VA d 8-18-1818 PA     | Jean White                                            | Capt VA              |
| None                | Samuel       | b 6-18-1762 MD d 3-1-1843 IN   | Mary Ann Waters                                       | Pvt MD               |
| 1621                | Samuel       | b c 1726 d 5-26-1789 NC        | Ailey                                                 | PS NC                |
| None                | Samuel       | b 10-22-1737 NJ d 6-24-1804 NJ | Sarah Riggs                                           | PS NJ                |
| 1377                | Samuel       | b 1734 IR d 1807 VA            | Sarah Byrd                                            | Col VA               |
| 72                  | Samuel       | b 1749 d 12-8-1838 VA          | Margaret Laughlin                                     | CS VA                |
| 6702                | William      | b 1740-42 VA d 10- -1792 VA    | (1)Nancy Gilkerson<br>(2)Mary Colville<br>(3)Ann lass | Ens VA               |
| 3212                | William      | b 1718 ST d 4-18-1788 PA       | Mary Gilkerson                                        | PS VA                |
| 405                 | William      | b --- VA d a 3-21-1831 KY      | Frances Wooldridge                                    | Pvt VA               |

**Passenger Lists.** The LDS Family History Department has begun a major effort (they have 4000 volunteers!) to index the passenger arrival lists from all the United States ports. They are going to start with Ellis Island, 1897 - 1924, working backwards from 1924. Estimated time for the entire project is three years.

**Pictures.** Seattle Filmworks has a fascinating offer (call 1-800-445-3348 or write to 1260 16th Ave W, Seattle WA 98119.) With your developing order, for a small additional charge, they will put your pictures on disk. Your first order will include software for viewing the pictures on your computer. In addition, they can take individual pictures and convert them to disk, up to 24 for less than \$10.

*(Miscellaneous continued on next page)*

Miscellaneous (continued)

**Attention**

If you are considering joining the Barnbarroch House and Trust Ltd., please hold off any action until we receive word from P.Alec Vans to do so. Alec called me around the middle of January and requested that the VFA not send any more applications and fees until he has had a chance to satisfy himself that the Trust is proceeding in a manner that is in consonance with his goals and desires, and that the members' contributions are not being wasted. Apparently, he found that the original consultant for the Trust, Lothian Consultants Ltd. had been making some claims and statements that were incorrect, and otherwise acting in a less than upright manner (which may well explain why they are no longer associated with the project). He is not concerned particularly about the current organization, and most definitely wants the Trust to succeed in its goal of restoring Barnbarroch House itself, but wants to satisfy himself that everything is proper before anyone else puts money into it. I hope to hear from him sometime soon, and will put another announcement in the newsletter when I do.

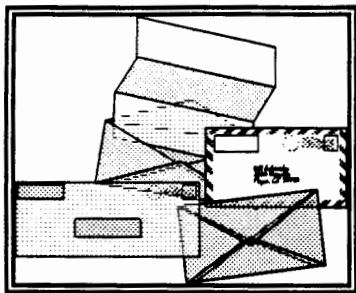
*Sam Vance, Secretary*

Obituaries

VFA member Mary L. Wallenhorst Johnson passed away August 4, 1994 in Denver Colorado. Helen Coyer reports 'She was a wonderful friend and genealogist.'

Richard Stanberry, an active VFA member and avid researcher, died 18 May 1994. Our VFA Historian notes that many times the association has been the benefactor of Richard's genealogy work. Research of his remains to be reported in future newsletters. He will be missed.

Joyce Vance Haerr died October 30th, 1994 after a 19 month struggle with lymphoma. She was born in San Antonio, Texas on April 14th, 1927. She was widowed by Richard Burton Haerr in 1981. She is survived by her daughters Jennifer and Lorraine, son Richard Vance Haerr and two older sisters, VFA members Peggy Vance Kopmann and Helen Vance Levenson. Joyce graduated from the University of Texas and attended the Columbia University School of Social Work and completed her Masters of Social Work at the University of California. She did extensive volunteer work with the Developmentally Disabled and was active in environmental causes. She was an active Quaker.



## Queries

My thanks to the many who responded to my query in the January 95 VFA newsletter regarding **James Vance**. My root **John Vance** (b ca 1740's - d Topsham, Orange Co., VT bef 25 May 1801, wife Jane) was not the son of that James. New material from LDS fiche has a **John Vans**, b 18 Feb 1727 in Boston, to **Hugh and Mary Vans**. Possible this is my John!

Family history says his son, **David Vance**, was b Apr 1788 in Charlestown, which is a suburb of Boston. Also born in Boston, 10 Apr 1730 was a **William Vans**, could this be John's brother? Do any members have information on this **John, William, Hugh and Mary Vans**?  
**Majorie Rice, 2419 Chevy Chase Drive, Joliet, IL 60435**

**William Vance** who died April 23, 1843, buried in Church Street Cemetery, Mobile, AL. His marker was placed by the Mobile Chapter, DAR. His service record was Pvt., 1st Regt. N. J. Camp Troops (1775-1783). Reference DAR Magazine Nov. 1971, p. 831. Seeking his family and where he originated. Possibly New Jersey, where he enlisted.  
**Rubye Harrison, 4301 Highland Park Dr., Meridian, MS 39307**

Seeking any information on **David Vance** who married **Margaret 'Peggy' Evans** 1791, Washington City, VA. Margaret the daughter of **Samuel and Ann(Colville) Evans**.  
**Keith Evans, Jr., 311 N Jefferson, Iola KS 66749-2326**

Looking for parents of **Mary E. Vance**, born VA (Percy Ed. Deckard's book states "of Washington Co.") married **Jacob Deckard** (B 1757). The book further states that Mary is a sister to **Col. Samuel Vance** of VA who was in the Revolutionary War. This Samuel married **Margaret Laughlin**, 8 Jan 1778. (Mary does not appear in VFA database as sister of Samuel.) Was the book in error and is another Samuel involved? All help appreciated.  
**Nancy Myers, 1008 North Drive, Alma AR 72921.**

While attending a genealogical seminar, **Kathleen Mason** was thumbing through published Research Notebooks of **Arlene H. Eakle, Ph.D.**, entitled VIRGINIA. There was a reference to a **Lt. Samuel Vance** and a **Edward Vance** at Point Pleasant. Can someone identify this **Samuel Vance**? How many Samuels were there in that battle in the Rev. War? Edward is a new name in this time frame. Any information on him?  
**Kathleen Mason, 4213 East Ridge Dr., Jackson, MS. 39211.**

Seeking a connection to **John F. Vance** who came to Maryland from Smith Co., TN about 1800. He may have come through Boone, N.C. on way to TN. Also, any clue to the names of his two wives would be helpful.  
**Robbie Frye, 814 Harris Drive, Gallatin, TN., 37066.**

*(Queries continued on next page)*



*Queries (continued)*

*(Feel free to submit queries on lines connected to your Vance line. Editor.)*

Need info on **Jesse & 2nd wife 'Barbara (Rexrode) Vance**, both born in Pendleton Co., WV. Migrated to IL in 1854. Barbara's mother **Susanna Rexrode** (b 1803), widow of **Leonard Rexrode**, m 7 Sep 1843 **John Helmick** (b 1814). Went West in 1850. In 1880 census of Rutledge Twp, DeWitt Co. IL, Barbara aged 49 and Mother Susan(na) aged 77, both widowed, with Barbara's dgt **Delia & Miles Harper**. Have not found. Susan & John on census of 1860 or 1870. Barbara d in MO in 1904. Does anyone know when & where Susan & John died and who were her parents. Will share info I have on this family.

**Ruby B. Swadley 1423 Springvale Ave., McLean, VA 22101**

Willing to purchase, rent or borrow complete copy of 'THE MISSOURI VANCES AND THEIR DESCENDANTS - A STUDY OF THE ANCESTRY AND POSTERITY OF JOHN VANCE OF FREDERICK CO.'

**Kathy Koepp, 2368 Magda Circle, Thousand Oaks, CA., 91360**

**The 'Vance Patisserie'**  
**Kyoto, Japan.**

*The Vance name shows up in the  
most unusual places!*

Have been trying to get more information on this interesting bakery in particular it's VANCE connection. Unfortunately, it was closed when we visited. Anyone having more data on this or other unusual sites please contact:

**Phyllis Vance Worrall, 371 Hubler Ridge  
Road, Bellefonte, PA. 16823  
or the editor.**



*Horace Vance, a long time VFA member from Winston-Salem, North Carolina has successfully negotiated 'heart bypass' surgery and is reported anxiously awaiting the Nashville meeting. Good goin' Horace!*

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**AUSTIN, Louise P**

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| (7088) AUSTIN,Unk         | B-               | D-               | (7087) PURSLEY,Louise | B-                      | D-Abt 1993       |                  |
| (7086) PURSLEY,James R    | B-               | D-               |                       |                         |                  |                  |
| (7085) PURSLEY,Bruce B    | B-               | D-               |                       |                         |                  |                  |
| (4491) PURSLEY,Griffith A | B-13 Sep 1827 TN | D- 8 Nov 1888 TN | M-27 Sep 1857 TN      | (4492) VANCE,Ann E      | B-11 Nov 1840 TN | D-20 Jun 1919 TN |
| (4493) VANCE,Edward R     | B- 3 Dec 1817 TN | D-28 Mar 1904 TN | M-21 Feb 1839 TN      | (4494) BREVARD,Mary C   | B-13 Apr 1819 TN | D- 4 May 1853 TN |
| (4519) VANCE,Thomas M Sr  | B-11 Feb 1782 VA | D-17 Jul 1862 TN | M-Abt 1816            | (4520) RICHARDS,Eleanor | B- 7 Nov 1795 TN | D- 8 Oct 1882 TN |
| (4549) VANCE,John         | B- VA            | D-Abt 1830 TN    |                       | (4550) MARQUIS,Sarah    | B- VA            | D-Bef 25 May TN  |
| (74 ) VANCE,Samuel I      | B-Abt 1716 Ire   | D-18 Aug 1778 VA | M-Abt 1734 VA         | (75 ) COLVILLE,Sarah    | B-Abt 1715 Ire   | D-Aft 1792 VA    |

**BAUGHARD, Gertrude**

**1025 West Third North Street  
Apt #1**

**Morristown TN 37814**

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| (7230) BAUGHARD,Clyde G | B- 9 May 1888 TN | D-29 Aug 1972 TN | M-18 Dec 1913 | (7231) BAUGHARD,Cora G  | B-28 Apr 1915 TN | D-               |
| (7227) RAYBURN,Joseph R | B- 5 Oct 1858 TN | D-18 Sep 1896 TN | M- 4 Nov 1886 | (7229) RAYBURN,Nannie E | B-19 Jan 1889 TN | D-12 Dec 1973 TN |
| (7225) RAYBURN,Amos M   | B-15 Aug 1824 TN | D-17 Mar 1885 TN | M-17 Mar 1843 | (7228) FERGUSON,Elizabe | B- 6 Apr 1865 TN | D-19 Apr 1941 TN |
| (3443) RAYBURN,Joseph   | B-               | D-               |               | (7226) SMITH,Lucetia A  | B-20 Aug 1825 TN | D-16 Nov 1905 TN |
| (1573) MARNEY,Amos III  | B- Sep 1760 VA   | D-22 Aug 1839 TN | M-Abt 25 Apr  | (3448) MARNEY,Mary P    | B-               | D-               |
| (1667) VANCE,Samuel C   | B-               | D-Bef Dec TN     |               | (1572) VANCE,Sarah      | B- 8 May 1770 VA | D-15 Aug 1858 TN |
|                         |                  |                  |               | (3442) VANCE,Elizabeth  | B-               | D-               |

**COLEMAN, Robert Howard**

**404 Glendale Ave**

**Decatur GA 30030**

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| (2923) COLEMAN,Robert H | B-13 Apr 1910 AL | D-               | M-16 Sep 1941 KY | (2924) WHITTINGHILL,Dor | B-30 Mar 1918 KY | D-               |
| (2925) COLEMAN,Robert N | B-25 Feb 1878 KY | D-19 Dec 1945 AL | M- 9 Jan 1909 KY | (2926) CHERRY,Mary M    | B-28 Apr 1885    | D- 5 Oct 1957    |
| (2927) COLEMAN,Robert H | B-24 Jul 1840 VA | D- 3 Jan 1922 KY | M-18 Feb 1873 KY | (2928) CHESTNUT,Sarah E | B- 6 Feb 1851    | D-11 Jul 1925    |
| (2929) CHESTNUT,John    | B-               | D-22 Jan 1873    | M- 1836          | (2930) VANCE,Ruth W     | B- 7 Nov 1812    | D- 1 Jan 1873    |
| (2931) VANCE,John       | B- 5 Jun 1769    | D-13 Nov 1834    | M- 4 Mar 1799 TN | (2932) DAVIDSON,Martha  | B-               | D-22 Oct 1834 KY |
| (2933) VANCE,David      | B-Abt 1737       | D-18 Feb 1800 NC |                  | (2934) UNK,Ruth         | B-               | D-               |

**DILLS, Elvira W**

**193 W Main St**

**Uniontown PA 15401**

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| (1001) DILLS,Paul K      | B-20 Jul 1909    | D- 2 Nov 1981 PA  | M-15 Aug 1938 PA | (1002) WIENTGE,Elvira L | B-20 May 1914 PA | D-               |
| (1003) WIENTGE,Charles W | B-12 Sep 1887 PA | D- 7 Jun 1937 Eng | M-14 Aug 1913 PA | (1004) SMITH,Edna C     | B-23 Jun 1890 PA | D-29 Mar 1968 PA |
| (1005) SMITH,Robert D    | B-21 Aug 1857 PA | D- 8 May 1908 PA  | M- 3 May 1888 PA | (1006) RIDDLE,Isaphene  | B- 9 Sep 1857 PA | D- 6 Dec 1933 PA |
| (1007) RIDDLE,Isaac V    | B- 1 Jan 1827 PA | D- 6 Mar 1901 PA  |                  | (1008) LEYDA,Catherine  | B- 4 May 1830 PA | D-30 Jun 1914 PA |
| (1009) RIDDLE,David      | B-18 Oct 1806    | D- 3 Dec 1863 PA  | M-Abt 1826 PA    | (1010) VANCE,Martha     | B-23 Oct 1795 PA | D-17 Oct 1882 PA |
| (1011) VANCE,Isaac       | B-11 Feb 1754 VA | D- 5 Nov 1837 PA  | M-15 Nov 1783 PA | (1012) COTTON,Mary      | B-22 Jul 1760 PA | D- 9 Nov 1820 PA |
| (1013) VANCE,John Sr     | B- 1730 VA       | D-13 Aug 1796 PA  |                  | (1014) UNK,Isabelle     | B-               | D- 9 Feb 1807    |

**HARDGRAVE, Terry E**

**8599 Rhoads Circle**

**Fountain Valley CA 92708**

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| (7214) HARDGRAVE,Terry E  | B- 1 Mar 1945 CA | D-               | M-15 Jun 1968 CA | (7215) VOGT,Cynthia E   | B-               | D-               |
| (7216) HARDGRAVE,Harold E | B-11 Aug 1916 TX | D-12 Oct 1985 CA | M-16 Dec 1939 CA | (7217) DEVILBISS,Nadine | B-15 May 1920 OK | D-               |
| (7219) DEVILBISS,Claude E | B- 7 Jul 1898    | D- May 1970 CA   | M-10 Aug 1919    | (7220) VANCE,Edith M    | B-16 Mar 1899 OK | D-30 Oct 1991 CA |
| (7221) VANCE,Leonidas M   | B-20 Mar 1869 IA | D- 7 Jan 1949 OK | M-20 Jul 1893 KS | (7222) COLLINS,Caroline | B-21 Dec 1871 MO | D-28 Feb 1925 OK |
| (7223) VANCE,Calvin W     | B- 1839 PA       | D- Dec 1917 OK   | M-11 Feb 1860 OH | (7224) FENNER,Susannah  | B-21 Dec 1841 OH | D- Sep 1922 OK   |

**HARRISON, Rubye**

**4301 Highland Park Drive**

**Meridian MS 39307**

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| (1065) HARRISON,Charlie L | B-13 Jan 1924 MS | D-               | M-19 Jun 1946    | (1066) VANCE,Rubye M    | B- 3 Sep 1927 MS | D-               |
| (1067) VANCE,Roger R      | B- 4 Nov 1898 MS | D-16 Dec 1972 MS | M-21 Jun 1923    | (1068) JONES,Bertice A  | B-20 Mar 1901 MS | D-               |
| (1069) VANCE,James W Jr   | B- 5 Nov 1860 MS | D-20 Sep 1949 MS | M-21 Dec 1887    | (1070) GIBSON,Eudora A  | B-25 Mar 1862 MS | D-20 Oct 1937 MS |
| (1071) VANCE,James W      | B-28 Dec 1828 MS | D-               | M- 1 Sep 1859 MS | (1072) RATCLIFF,Marzy E | B- Nov 1837 NC   | D-18 Oct 1886 MS |
| (1073) VANCE,James Jr     | B- 3 Feb 1804    | D-26 Aug 1846 MS | M- Aug 1826      | (1074) GRAYSON,Harriet  | B-Abt 1804       | D-Abt 1838 MS    |
| (1075) VANCE,James        | B- Jun 1768      | D-20 May 1824 MS | M- May 1796      | (1076) BARNETT,Mary     | B-13 Jul 1772    | D-14 Oct 1831 MS |
| (2933) VANCE,David        | B-Abt 1737       | D-18 Feb 1800 NC |                  | (2934) UNK,Ruth         | B-               | D-               |

**HERRIN, Mary Virginia**

**205 Everett Ave**

**Enterprise AL 36330**

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| (5258) HERRIN,Norman G Sr | B- 5 Sep 1927 NC | D-               | M- 4 Feb 1950 | (6827) WILCOX,Mary S    | B-21 Jan 1934 VA | D-               |
| (6828) WILCOX,Virgil S    | B-22 Sep 1906 NC | D-22 Mar 1973 VA | M-15 Apr 1925 | (6829) DELP,Cora L      | B- 8 May 1905 VA | D-15 Dec 1990 NC |
| (6830) DELP,Charles C     | B-21 Apr 1872 VA | D- 2 Oct 1939 VA | M- Nov 1899   | (6831) CLEMONS,Martha R | B-24 Feb 1878 VA | D-10 Sep 1950 VA |
| (6832) CLEMONS,William    | B- 1852          | D-25 Oct 1937 VA | M-17 May 1877 | (6833) VANCE,Sarah L    | B-17 Jan 1860 VA | D-12 Nov 1924 VA |
| (6834) VANCE,James A      | B-               | D-               |               | (6835) MARTIN,Mary      | B-               | D-               |

**HINCHMAN, Mary**

**POB 493**

**Allen KY 41601**

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| (6869) HINCHMAN,Lorenzo J | B-19 Mar 1930 KY | D-               |               | (6868) WILHELM,Mary Z   | B-15 Jul 1934 OH | D-               |
| (6867) WILHELM,Ralph D    | B- 9 Dec 1902 OH | D-               |               | (6866) ARCHER,Josephine | B-27 Jun 1903 OH | D- 5 Jan 1992 KY |
| (6864) ARCHER,Samuel J    | B-17 Mar 1881 OH | D-23 Dec 1960 IN |               | (6865) BROWN,Susan P    | B- 9 Sep 1879 OH | D-21 Oct 1906 OH |
| (6863) ARCHER,John B      | B-13 Dec 1848 OH | D-25 Sep 1934 OH |               | (6862) MCNUTT,Susan     | B-28 Dec 1851 OH | D-23 Mar 1925 OH |
| (6861) MCNUTT,Peter       | B-               | D-               | M- 1832       | (6852) WANTZ,Margaret   | B-20 Dec 1816 OH | D-14 Jul 1875 OH |
| (2393) WANTZ,Jacob        | B- 2 Oct 1771 PA | D-19 Apr 1835 OH | M-Abt 1800 PA | (2394) WRINGER,Sarah    | B-28 Jun 1780 PA | D-13 Nov 1858 OH |
| (2402) WANTZ,Unk          | B-               | D-               |               |                         |                  |                  |

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**JENKINS, Dorothy**

**General Delivery**

**Chauncey WV 25612**

(1218) VANCE, Everett A B- 2 Feb 1894 WV D-30 Oct 1929 WV M- 3 Apr 1917 WV  
(1220) VANCE, Jacob M B-23 Nov 1874 WV D-Abt 1939 WV M- 3 Mar 1894 WV  
(1222) VANCE, Darbey K B- 1848 D-Abt 1927 M-29 Sep 1869  
(1226) VANCE, Richard B- 1816 KY D-Abt 1870 M- 1841  
(298 ) VANCE, Richard B- 1792 VA D-Bef 1860 WV M-25 Mar 1813 KY  
(300 ) VANCE, Abner Sr B-Abt 1755 D-16 Jul 1819 VA  
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(1224) VANCE, John F B- May 1852 D-15 Jun 1925 M- 1872 WV  
(1226) VANCE, Richard B- 1816 KY D-Abt 1870 M- 1841  
(298 ) VANCE, Richard B- 1792 VA D-Bef 1860 WV M-25 Mar 1813 KY  
(300 ) VANCE, Abner Sr B-Abt 1755 D-16 Jul 1819 VA

(6871) VANCE, Dorothy G B- D-  
(1219) SULLINS, Odra P B- 9 Jun 1899 WV D- 6 Jun 1981 WV  
(1221) VANCE, Sarah E B- Mar 1881 D-15 Jun 1948 WV  
(1223) MARCUM, Mary A B- 5 Apr 1854 WV D-27 Feb 1941  
(1228) BROWNING, Matilda B- 1821 VA D-  
(299 ) SEIN, Mary B-Abt 1791 D- 1850  
(301 ) HOWARD, Susannah B- 1767 D-Aft 1850 WV  
  
(1225) PRINCE, Mary C B-10 Nov 1855 D- 1889 WV  
(1228) BROWNING, Matilda B- 1821 VA D-  
(299 ) SEIN, Mary B-Abt 1791 D- 1850  
(301 ) HOWARD, Susannah B- 1767 D-Aft 1850 WV

**MANES, Mary Shirley**

**4115 NW 50th St**

**Oklahoma City OK 73112**

(7211) PHELPS, Theodore E B-23 Oct 1914 TX D-21 Jan 1988 TX M-20 Apr 1946  
(7208) SHIRLEY, Joseph A B-24 Jan 1902 IN D-11 Jan 1990 TX M-19 May 1927  
(1587) SHIRLEY, Burton L B-10 May 1875 PA D-11 May 1952 WI M-30 Nov 1900 WI  
(1589) SHIRLEY, Joseph A B-20 Dec 1852 IN D-10 Oct 1918 IN M-18 Apr 1874 IN  
(1590) SHIRLEY, Joseph B-20 Dec 1825 OH D-10 Mar 1910 IN M-30 Sep 1849 IN  
(1592) SHIRLEY, Lawrence V B-Abt 1775 VA D-Abt 1857 M-25 May 1808 OH  
(1594) SHIRLEY, Walter Jr B-Abt 1728 D- 1805 VA  
(2355) VANCE, James B- D- 2 Mar 1762 VA

(7210) SHIRLEY, Mary M B-28 Aug 1928 IN D-  
(7209) DILLON, Dorothy B B-11 May 1905 TX D-16 Feb 1983 TX  
(1588) MARTIN, Susan M B-24 Jan 1879 WI D-19 Jun 1944 IL  
(1591) WILSON, Malinda J B-14 Aug 1853 IN D-11 Feb 1931 IN  
(2597) STRYKER, Nancy M B- 1829 NY D-17 Mar 1865 IN  
(1593) HAYNES, Elizabeth B-Abt 1791 VA D-Abt 1837 IN  
(1595) VANCE, Esther B-Abt 1738 VA D-Abt 1784 VA

**MITCHELL, Paul Leon**

**1620 Mesa Trail**

**Edmond OK 73003**

(1445) MITCHELL, Paul L B-18 Aug 1926 OK D- M- 1949  
(1447) MITCHELL, Melvin C B- 7 Aug 1896 AR D- 1 Aug 1937 OK M-26 Aug 1917  
(1449) MITCHELL, Samuel B-13 Apr 1872 AR D-12 Mar 1934 OK  
(1451) VANCE, John P B-26 Dec 1858 MO D- 5 Nov 1924 OK M-Abt 1875 MO  
(1453) VANCE, Calvin S B- 8 Feb 1828 TN D-16 Jun 1906 AR M-Abt 1857  
(4002) VANCE, John B- 1783 VA D- 6 Nov 1868 TN  
(72 ) VANCE, Samuel II B- 1749 VA D- 8 Dec 1838 VA M- 8 Jan 1778 VA  
(74 ) VANCE, Samuel I B-Abt 1716 Ire D-18 Aug 1778 VA M-Abt 1734 VA

(1446) BENNETT, Madge M B-29 Dec 1921 D-  
(1448) ALDRIDGE, Alma M B-30 Oct 1902 OK D-  
(1450) VANCE, Minnie O B- 2 Jul 1877 AR D- 2 May 1958 OK  
(1452) SMITH, Sarah E B-27 Nov 1856 MO D-10 Jul 1932 OK  
(1454) HUDDLESTON, Lucy B-15 Jan 1840 MO D-18 Jul 1911 AR  
(4011) KING, Mary B- D-25 Jul 1865 TN  
(73 ) LAUGHLIN, Margare B- Mar 1756 PA D-16 Nov 1814 VA  
(75 ) COLVILLE, Sarah B-Abt 1715 Ire D-Aft 1792 VA

**MURRAY, Joyce**

**2921 Daniel**

**Dallas TX 75205**

(6914) MURRAY, Richard T B- D- M-27 Sep 1944 TX  
(6911) MARTIN, Daugherty E B- 7 Feb 1895 TX D- TX M- 4 Dec 1921 TX  
(6910) MARTIN, John W B- 1 Mar 1859 D- 9 Apr 1936 TX M-19 Apr 1888 TX  
(6907) CARRICK, James M B- 1808 TN D-12 Apr 1881 TX M-17 Jan 1830 TN  
(6905) CARRICK, John M B-Abt 1775 D-12 Feb 1811 TN M- 1 Feb 1797 TN  
(6903) VANCE, Samuel Maj B- D-Aft 1791

(6913) MARTIN, Joyce B-23 Apr 1923 TX D-  
(6912) HICKS, Ruth A B-30 Oct 1899 OK D-26 Nov 1981 TX  
(6909) CARRICK, Ann B-18 Apr 1853 TN D-11 Jan 1923 TX  
(6908) LOWRY, Finetta B- 1812 TN D-16 Feb 1882 TX  
(6904) VANCE, Elizabeth B- 2 May 1778 D- 8 Sep 1854 TN

**NICHOLSON, Whitney**

**509 Ridgewood Road**

**Louisville KY 40207**

(6547) PENNYCOOK, William B- 8 Aug 1915 NJ D- 9 May 1959 KY M-23 Dec 1943 TN  
(6546) VANCE, Leslie M B- 3 Jan 1879 KY D-12 Dec 1941 KY M-27 Mar 1899 TN  
(6602) VANCE, Elam L B-25 Apr 1858 KY D-16 Jan 1933 KY  
(6604) VANCE, William T B- 1830 KY D- M-21 Mar 1852  
(6606) VANCE, William Jr B-17 Aug 1800 KY D- M-11 Dec 1824  
(405 ) VANCE, William B-Abt 1760 VA D- 5 Feb 1831 KY M-15 Dec 1785 KY  
(407 ) VANCE, Alexander B-Abt 1732 VA D-24 Dec 1810 KY

(6507) VANCE, Whitney H B-31 May 1921 KY D-  
(6545) MCCUBBIN, Martha B-17 Nov 1879 KY D- 2 Jun 1961 KY  
(6603) CANTRELL, Nannie B-25 May 1862 D-17 May 1887 KY  
(6605) PERKINS, Mary A B-11 Nov 1831 KY D- 6 Aug 1906 KY  
(6607) CAVIN, Naomi B-10 Jun 1804 D- 3 Mar 1858  
(406 ) WOOLDRIDGE, Franc B-Abt 1764 VA D-Aft 1831  
(408 ) UNK, Jane B- 1743 D-

**ROOSE, Gail, III**

**2430 N Naomi St  
Apt 210**

**Burbank CA 91504**

(7254) ROOSE, Gail A III B- D-  
(3232) ROOSE, Gail A Jr B- D-  
(3233) ROOSE, Gail A B- D-  
(675 ) VANCE, Glenn G B-16 Jun 1868 OH D-15 Oct 1967 OH M-22 Jun 1921 PA  
(677 ) VANCE, John H Rev B-26 Mar 1826 PA D-10 Feb 1920 PA M-14 Apr 1896 PA  
(679 ) VANCE, Robert II B-10 Jun 1788 PA D-12 Oct 1863 OH M-31 May 1864 PA  
(681 ) VANCE, Robert Cap B-Abt 1736 VA D-20 May 1818 PA M-Abt 1816 PA  
(74 ) VANCE, Samuel I B-Abt 1716 Ire D-18 Aug 1778 VA M-20 Mar 1775 VA M-Abt 1734 VA

(3234) VANCE, Katherine B- 6 Dec 1897 PA D-11 Apr 1972 OH  
(676 ) MILLER, Elva G B-10 Jan 1876 PA D- 2 Mar 1964 PA  
(678 ) STURGEON, Mary J B- 9 Sep 1839 PA D- 5 Dec 1907 NY  
(680 ) MOORE, Margaret B-Abt 1793 D-21 Mar 1845 PA  
(682 ) WHITE, Jean B-Abt 1746 VA D- May 1834 WV  
(75 ) COLVILLE, Sarah B-Abt 1715 Ire D-Aft 1792 VA

**SHAFER, Vicki**

**POB 90091**

**Austin TX 78709**

(7148) SHAFER, Charles O B- 1953 D- M-15 Apr 1989 AR  
(7140) WILSON, Harold V B-11 Sep 1914 TX D- 3 Feb 1974 TX M- 6 Jun 1943 TX  
(7138) WILSON, Earl H B- 7 Sep 1889 TX D-24 Nov 1954 TX M- 2 Nov 1913  
(7132) WILSON, William T B- 4 Feb 1851 TN D-17 Aug 1928 TX M-17 Jan 1878 TX  
(7117) VANCE, John A B- 1817 SC D- M-17 Apr 1849  
(7109) VANCE, James B- 1786 NC D- 1848  
(7104) VANCE, Jacob Sr B- 1750 VA D- 1815  
(7114) VANCE, John B- D-

(7146) WILSON, Vicki A B- 9 Sep 1950 TX D-  
(7143) BRYAN, Joy A B- 7 Dec 1916 OK D-  
(7139) HOUSE, Willie B-13 Mar 1891 TX D-27 Jun 1986 TX  
(7128) VANCE, Willie T B-30 Oct 1855 TN D-23 Aug 1929 TX  
(7123) GILMORE, Agnes M B- D-  
(7113) HILL, Nancy B- D-  
(7105) ALLISON, Sarah B- D-18 Jul 1830



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**SPACKMAN, Eunice**

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| (7207) SPACKMAN, Everett W | B-               | D-               | M-18 Dec 1949 CO | (7206) VANCE, Eunice E    | B-14 Mar 1928 CO | D-               |
| (7204) VANCE, Eugene E     | B- 2 Aug 1897 CO | D-21 May 1990 CO | M-18 Jun 1925 CO | (7205) WACHTEL, Aura D    | B-18 Sep 1899 IA | D- 1 May 1974 CO |
| (7202) VANCE, Millard F    | B-23 May 1854 IA | D- Apr 1955 CO   | M-11 Sep 1888 NE | (7203) WILSON, Helen A    | B-29 Nov 1858 IA | D- 1 May 1928 CO |
| (2218) VANCE, George W     | B-21 Aug 1811 VA | D- 2 Dec 1890 KS | M- 2 Feb 1832 WV | (2219) MURDOCK, Elizabeth | B-12 Aug 1812 VA | D- 6 Nov 1883 KS |
| (2220) WANTZ, Henry        | B- VA            | D-               | M- 1 May 1806 VA | (2221) LEAPS, Elizabeth   | B- 2 Sep 1786 VA | D-               |
| (2869) WANTZ, Adam         | B-               | D-               |                  |                           |                  |                  |

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| (5994) VANCE, Apostle P  | B-22 Jul 1919 MO | D-               |                  | (5993) CULLISON, Arlie A | B-               | D-               |
| (5992) VANCE, Benjamin L | B-               | D-               |                  | (1906) MCGREGOR, Nellie  | B-15 Sep 1864 KY | D-18 Feb 1949 MO |
| (1905) VANCE, Robert L   | B-24 Jan 1866 IL | D-29 Jan 1942 MO | M-25 Oct 1884 MO | (1908) CAVANAUGH, Margar | B- 7 Jan 1840 IL | D-19 Jan 1872    |
| (1907) VANCE, Andrew J   | B-10 Nov 1837 IL | D-25 Jul 1909 MO | M-Abt 1862       | (1910) RIDGON, Mary      | B-22 Jul 1808 PA | D-17 May 1891 MO |
| (1909) VANCE, Andrew     | B- 4 Jan 1801    | D- 1850 IL       | M-24 Aug 1830    | (1912) THOMAS, Margaret  | B-               | D-               |
| (1911) VANCE, Handel     | B-               | D- 1806          |                  |                          |                  |                  |

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| (6992) VANCE, B W                       | B-31 May 1947 MS  | D-               | M- 6 Jul 1986 VA | (6993) KUNTZ, Beth      | B-29 Jul 1953 IL  | D-               |
| (6990) VANCE, Jack B                    | B- 6 May 1923 MS  | D-               | M-15 Aug 1941 MS | (6991) OPAL, Marjorie   | B-13 May 1923 MS  | D-               |
| (6988) VANCE, John P                    | B-18 Jan 1893 MS  | D-13 Oct 1972 MS |                  | (6989) MEADOR, Maudie O | B-17 May 1896 MS  | D- MS            |
| (3770) VANCE, David F                   | B-27 Nov 1859 MS  | D- 3 Apr 1944 MS | M-13 Jan 1892    | (3783) RUTLEDGE, Aquila | B-27 Jan 1870     | D-29 Aug 1945 MS |
| (3418) VANCE, David F                   | B- 9 May 1825 Ire | D-17 Oct 1911 MS | M- Mar 1850 MS   | (3419) VANCE, Margaret  | B- 7 Sep 1832 Ire | D- 6 Jan 1925 MS |
| (3416) VANCE, James                     | B-Abt 1795 Ire    | D-               | M-Abt 1817 Ire   | (3417) MCCANNON, Ann    | B-Abt 1795 Ire    | D-               |
| ----- Additional & Double Line(s) ----- |                   |                  |                  | (3509) UNK, Margaret    | B-Abt 1796 Ire    | D-               |
| (3508) VANCE, Thomas F                  | B- Ire            | D- MS            |                  |                         |                   |                  |

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| (4245) VANCE, Ralph W | B- 7 Jun 1926 OH | D-               | M- KY            | (4246) HYMAN, Suzanne    | B-               | D-               |
| (241 ) VANCE, James G | B- 2 Nov 1880 PA | D-11 Aug 1962 OH | M-26 Sep 1914 OH | (242 ) VANDYKE, Jennie A | B-23 Feb 1893 OH | D-30 May 1936 KY |
| (243 ) VANCE, Cyrus   | B- 3 Jun 1854 PA | D-13 May 1883 PA |                  | (244 ) GRINDLE, Amanda   | B- 2 Aug 1857 WV | D-27 Jul 1936 OH |
| (245 ) VANCE, Milton  | B- 1817 PA       | D-16 Oct 1887 PA |                  | (246 ) SHELLENBERGER, Ca | B- 1827          | D-30 Oct 1882 PA |
| (247 ) VANCE, John    | B-11 Jan 1797 PA | D-12 Mar 1886 IL |                  | (248 ) STRICKLER, Mary   | B- 1795          | D-16 Jun 1877 PA |
| (249 ) VANCE, Moses   | B-23 May 1773 PA | D-27 Jun 1829 PA |                  | (250 ) STRICKLER, Elizab | B- 1773 PA       | D- 8 Sep 1849 PA |
| (251 ) VANCE, John    | B-Abt 1730 VA    | D- 1778 PA       | M- VA            | (252 ) WHITE, Margaret   | B-               | D-               |
| (2040) VANCE, John    | B- 1699 Ire      | D-Abt 1760 VA    | M- 1721          | (2041) UNK, Elizabeth    | B-               | D-               |

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| (2771) VANCE, Robert L | B-22 Feb 1930 GA | D-               | M-14 Nov 1947 | (2772) SHROPSHIRE, Marga | B-24 Jan 1929 GA | D-               |
| (2601) VANCE, Henry M  | B- 5 Jan 1884 AL | D- 7 May 1981 GA | M-23 Jan 1910 | (2602) SMITH, Willie D   | B- 8 Oct 1890 NC | D-30 Apr 1967 GA |
| (2603) VANCE, James M  | B-10 Jun 1855 AL | D-16 Sep 1937 AL | M-12 Mar 1878 | (2604) SMITH, Margaret H | B-10 Dec 1857 AL | D-11 Dec 1939 AL |
| (2605) VANCE, James M  | B-24 Apr 1823    | D-               |               | (2606) WOODS, Martha E   | B-25 Jan 1828    | D- 4 Dec 1896    |
| (2703) VANCE, Samuel   | B- 6 Jul 1785    | D-Abt 1825       | M- 9 Jul 1807 | (2704) ROCKETT, Elizabet | B-               | D-               |
| (2933) VANCE, David    | B-Abt 1737       | D-18 Feb 1800 NC |               | (2934) UNK, Ruth         | B-               | D-               |

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| (5992) VANCE, Benjamin L | B-               | D-               |                  | (1906) MCGREGOR, Nellie  | B-15 Sep 1864 KY | D-18 Feb 1949 MO |
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*(Update)*

***Vans Coat of Arms***

***In Woods By The Old Castle of Barnbarroch Ruins  
Near Wigtown, Scotland***



***Photo by Robert Vance, Atlanta, Georgia  
1986***

***See Article - Page 101***

### *The Vance Family Association*

*GOAL: To research and record the origins of the Vance Family.*

*PURPOSE: Collect literary, historical, and genealogical records and relics relating to the Vance families. To preserve this collection in an established Vance Family archive.*

*THE VFA is non-profit, non-political, non-discriminatory and non-sectarian. Members receive quarterly newsletters which include articles by the Association Historian, selected summarized pedigrees, queries and research items of interest from other members.*

*New members are encouraged to submit pedigree charts of their Vance lines. The VFA will provide pedigree sheets and assistance in completion.*

*National biannual conferences meetings are held to elect officers, conduct necessary business and allow members to meet in person.*

*Membership is annually renewable on the first of January each year. Late memberships of any year will receive all back issues for that given year of membership. Membership dues paid after October 1st will become active on January 1 of the following year unless otherwise noted.*

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### *A Bunch of Vances - Nashville 1995*





## *President-Editor's Message*

**Renewal Time.** Please help by submitting your renewal before the holidays. The renewal form has a place to indicate your interest in three 'off year' VFA get togethers. If enough interest is expressed, Quintin Vance will head up a Southern Virginia meeting, concentrating on local history. Riley Vance has suggested a 1996 VFA get together in Branson, Missouri. This would be strictly a fun and games event. And another VFA visit to Salt Lake City might be in order.

**Products.** Thanks to Pat Janssen, Subject Index I, 1985 through 1994, is now available. We will begin Subject Index II, the second decade, with the 1995 newsletters. This is an invaluable tool for researching the newsletters. See the Product List for ordering. We should have the 1994 Name Index out by the end of the year. Joseph Vance of Brooklyn New York is coordinating this effort and will produce the final product.

**Caution.** Enclosed you will find an 'Errata Sheet,' dated October 1994. Please check these corrections before using the data from the newsletters in your family histories and pedigrees. This has been mailed before but many of the new members don't have a copy. Again, the VFA is a repository for Vance data and not the final authority on the validity of the data. Kathleen and her Associates certainly participate in Vance data validation and one of our goals is to correct as many errors in Vance data as possible but the final responsibility still lies with the individual genealogist.

**Database.** The database continues to grow. Over 8000 names have been recorded. Several unknown 'cousins' have been united. Thanks to all those who have submitted the early Vance family group sheets. We continue to record documentation and notes which improves the quality of the data.

We have a volunteer to coordinate the information in the newsletters with the database. This should be a big help to researchers, more on this after we get started.

**Membership.** We are ending 1995 with 345 members. Of that number, 65 are new this year. This later number is slightly inflated due to the number of Societies that have been sponsored. The demographics continue to shift. Here are the states leading in membership (take special note of 5th place!)

|        | State                               | Member Count |
|--------|-------------------------------------|--------------|
| 1      | California                          | 26           |
| 2      | Texas                               | 24           |
| 3      | Ohio                                | 22           |
| 4      | Missouri                            | 18           |
| 5(tie) | Mississippi, Washington<br>Virginia | 17           |
| 8      | North Carolina                      | 16           |
| 9(tie) | Florida, Maryland                   | 15           |

These figures support our decision to hold the next VFA meetings in Texas and Ohio.

**Software** The September 12, 1995 edition of PC Magazine reviewed three new family history software packages, Echo Lake (Delrina Software, Inc.), Expert Personal Roots (Expert Software, Inc.) and Family Ties (Individual Software, Inc.). Included was a review of Family Tree Maker Deluxe which we have covered in prior newsletters.



Echo Lake, \$69.95, takes a completely new approach. To quote the article, 'Echo Lake lets you compose multimedia books that comprise your family stories.' You can enhance your stories with photos, narration, music and even video clips. The review ends with 'Echo Lake is a must-have for anyone with tales to tell and memories to save.' It is given a 4 star rating, which is 'Excellent' and the highest rating. If any member is using this software please drop us a line, it sounds interesting.

Expert Personal Roots. This package got three stars and will run \$14.95. It appears to have the basic functions required to support a family tree. One negative, it doesn't check spelling of names and places. I was suprised to see that it will handle photos but they are limited to the BMP format. The GEDCOM export/import format is supported.

Family Ties for Windows. A two star package, \$24.95. This review was not very positive. It appears their next version may eliminate some of the current limitations. Support of GEDCOM was not mentioned. Don't confuse this package with Family Tree Maker for Windows.

Remember, we have recommended that you don't use any genealogical software for your pedigree recording that doesn't support the GEDCOM export/import feature! I know of two members who had to reenter their entire database because they were unhappy with their software but couldn't transfer the data to a new package as the software didn't support the GEDCOM export feature. Please, feel free to call or drop me a note if you have any questions in this area.

*Enuff, go find an ancestor and plant a tree!*

*Bruce*

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## *Special from the Vice-President*

### Forms and Information Sheets from the Tennessee State Archives

During our visit to the Tennessee State Library and Archives, as part of the VFA 1995 Meeting, I picked up a number of forms and information sheets concerning their resources and services. Two that I received in quantity are: a list of professional genealogical researchers from the Middle Tennessee Genealogical Society willing to do genealogical research for a fee, and "Genealogical Source Materials in the Tennessee State Library and Archives". I will be glad to send either or both to anyone sending me a SASE (stamped, self-addressed envelope).

I also received a single copy each of a number of other forms and information sheets, listed below. I will be happy to send copies of any or all to anyone for the cost of copying and postage.

1. Records Form B (single sheet, both sides). Request form for county records, vital records, military information other than Civil War, Land Grants, newspapers, and Census records other than searches.
2. Records Form D (single sheet, single side). Request Form for Tennessee Federal census records and/or Civil War information.

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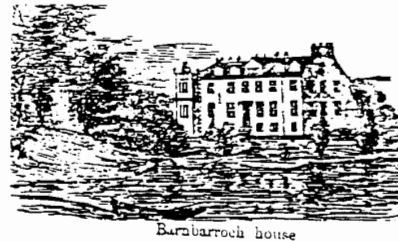
3. "Making the Best Use of Tennessee Census Index Books, 1820-1840" (two sheets, three sides). Descriptive info sheet.
4. "Making the Best Use of Tennessee Census Index Books, 1850-1870" (single sheet, both sides). Descriptive info sheet.
5. "State Census Records on Microfilm at the Tenn. State Library & Archives" (single sheet, single side). Table showing what states' records are available in addition to Tennessee's.
6. "Tennessee County Census Index Volumes" (two sheets, three sides). Table showing availability of census indices by county and by census year, 1820-1920.
7. "Title List of Civil War Rosters, with call numbers" (single sheet, both sides). Lists the source book titles for the available rosters, Union and Confederate, of Civil War troops, with a table of types of records for other states.
8. "Major Civil War Sources" (single sheet, single side). Descriptive info sheet.
9. "Bibliography of Military Records on Microfilm" (two sheets, three sides). Descriptive info sheets, by war.
10. "Native American Research (Cherokee)" (two sheets, four sides). Descriptive info sheets.
11. "Guide to Maps in the Tennessee State Library & Archives" (five sheets, nine sides). Descriptive info sheets about maps available.
12. "Welcome to the Tennessee State Library and Archives" (single sheet, single side). General descriptive info sheet.
13. "Local Government Archives in Tennessee, 1995" (single sheet, single side). Lists names and addresses.
14. "Tennessee County Historians, April 17, 1995" (six sheets, eleven sides). Listing, by County, of names and addresses of the historians.

All copies will be on standard 8-1/2 x 11 paper, although some of the originals are legal-size. Copying costs are 6¢ per side. Postage is 32¢ for up to four sheets, 55¢ for 5 to 8 sheets, 78¢ for 9 to 14 sheets, \$1.01 for 15 to 20 sheets, \$1.24 for 21 to 26 sheets, or \$1.47 for the package.

Please send me a list of what you want copies of, along with prepayment for the total of copying and postage.

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**Coat of Arms - Update**  
by Kathleen Mason



Barnbarroch house

New technology now allows us to give members a better copy of the old coat of arms featured on front page July 1988 with an update October 1988 page 92. This stone coat of arms was shown to Robert Vance of Atlanta, GA in 1986. It was located behind the Barnbarroch House ruins, out in the woods, located beside the ruins of an old dove cote. The research of Marilyn Vance McGaughy the St. Andrew's Cross was identified as the standard that the Douglas family carried into battle. Part of the last letter is missing, and it probably is a 'D', for Douglas. Balbirnie gives two Johannes Vaux - designates one as of Galloway, and the next as of Barnbarroch. It is not logical that the coat of arms of a younger son would be there, especially since this one has the plain bend. The logical conclusion is this belonged to 'the head of the family, apparently Johannes Vaus [I V] and Catherine Douglas [C D]. Samuel Vance of Huntsville, AL, tour leader of the 1994 Vance members, has been told that this stone has finally been moved from the woods to Wigton. At the present time, we have not been informed of the exact storage location. I tried for several years to stir up interest in the community to rescue this part of the area's history. Hopefully this has been achieved.

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**The New Zealand Connection**

While on the 1994 tour in the Barnbarroch area, Robert and Evelyn Vance talked to someone who informed them a lady from New Zealand had just left the area after a visit. They were able to secure her address, and sent it to me to contact her. Her name is Vans R. Dobbie.

Since there was obviously some family connection, a letter was written to her, inquiring about her interest in Barnbarroch. She was delighted to hear from me. Her grandmother was Mary Vans-Agnew, sister of Colonel Johnny Vans-Agnew, who with his wife Ada were the occupants of Barnbarroch at the time of the fire ca 1941. Her grandmother died when her mother was only nine years old. They had made the journey to Barnbarroch from New Zealand by sailing ship when she was only seven years old. Her brother Charles and sister Valerie accompanied them. When Ms. Dobbie's mother was 17 years old she was sent 'home' by steamer to stay at Barnbarroch with her Uncle Johnny and Aunt Ada. She was supposed to go to finishing school in Germany, but refused and came home to marry a few years later.

Ms. Dobie found in the library at Stranraer the three volume work of Robert Vans-Agnew on the Correspondence of Sir Patrick Waus, Pt. 1, 1540-1584. She also visited Lochnaw Castle and estate of Agnew of Lochnaw, now abandoned and for sale, on it's own loch and estate. Some years ago an Australian woman of the Agnew family bought the then run-down castle, possibly after the war and restored it and gave wonderful dinner parties, etc.

Thank you Robert and Evelyn for sharing this address. The Vaux/Vaus/Vans/Vance family literally live all over the face of the earth.



## UNITED STATES HISTORY

### VANCES OF RUSSELL COUNTY VIRGINIA

Russell County VA was formed in 1786. **SAMUEL VANCE** was one of the many Washington Co VA residents who signed a petition in 1785 to form a county separate from Washington.

**ABNER, JOHN and MATTHEW VANCE** were listed on the 1789 Personal Property Tax list for the Upper District of Russell Co. All were taxed at a rate of +1 (1 taxable over 16 years of age).

**ABNER VANCE** was the only Vance listed on the Russell Co VA PP Tax lists for the years: 1791; 1792; 1793; 1794; 1795; 1796; 1798 and 1799, listed as +1 on all lists. I did not locate the 1800 or the 1801 Personal Property Tax list.

The 1802 Personal Property Tax List for Russell County had the following; **ABNER VANCE, JOHN VAN\_\_ and SAMUEL VAN\_\_**.

Court Order Book #1, page 190: **PHILLIP VANCE** vs Mann Smith. September Court 1789.

Robert McFarland gave special bail for Mann Smith at the Suit of **PHILLIP VANCE**, McFarland delivered Smith to the court and Smith was ordered into custody 20 April 1790.

**PHILLIP VANCE** charged with profane swearing 2 (two) oaths on 20 April 1790.

Court Order Book #1, page 223. 20 Feb 1791: **JOHN VANCE** to be paid 12/6 for killing one old wolf.

Deed Book 2, page 201: **Abner Vance** bought 45 Acres of land located on the North side of the Clinch River from Richard Price. Oct 1796

Deed Book 3, page 223: **Abner Vance** bought 18 Acres of land on the south side of the Clinch River from Henry and Mary Smith. 25 August 1801.

Which of the many Samuel Vances was the one who signed the petition to form Russell County? Can anyone identify any of the other Van\_\_s or Vances mentioned? Was Richard Price the same Richard who was the father in law of Ann Edgeworth Vance Price? Was Henry Smith the same Henry Smith who was an ancestor of the Vance/Evans/Massengil group from Blountville Tennessee? I will gladly reimburse any reasonable charges for copying and postage. Thanks in advance!  
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**MATTHEW VANCE**

Will of John Vance of Lancaster County, PA ; 15 Feb 1754; Salisbury Township. Brother: **Matthew Vance**; Sisters: **Marjory Vance** and **Naley (Nellie) Smith**, if she comes to America within 5 years.

Inquisition: 19 May 1750. At the home of James Greenlee on the James River. On the body of Edward Hogan, late of this county, found that he accidentally drowned by oversetting the cannow (canoe), among the witnesses were **John** and **Matthew Vance**.

Land Entry Book H, Augusta County Virginia, 1750, **Matthew Vance** 300 Acres of land on the North River near John Fowler's land.

Chalkey, Vol 1; Road ordered from Campbell's School to Rennix's Road. Workers: among the many were **John** and **Matthew Vance**.

1767 Tax List of Pittsylvania County Virginia listed one **Vance, Matthew**.

12 Sept 1768: James Patton's Estate Settlement,. John Buchanan, EX. ..pay by cash of Dan Goodwin for **Matthias Vance's** old place sold him.

August 1777 : **Abner Vance** and **Matthew Vance** took the Oath of Allegiance in Pittsylvania County VA.

19 August 1783: **Matthew Vance** involved in a land transaction, Pittsylvania County Virginia.

1789 Personal Property Tax List for the Upper District of Russell County Virginia had the following: **Abner Vance, John Vance** and **Matthew Vance**.

1790 Census for Ninety-Six District, Greenville County, South Carolina listed: **Matthew Vance**, over 16 years of age.

1790 Census for Ninety-Six District, Spartanburg County, South Carolina listed: **John Vance** and **Mathias Vance**.

Need record proof of **Matthew, Matthias, John** and **Abner's** relationship. I will gladly reimburse any reasonable charge for copying and postage. Thanks!! Grace Dotson 973 Forest Drive Harlem, GA 30814. phone 706-556-9907.

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ABSTRACTS OF COLONIAL VIRGINIA RECORDS  
Beverley Fleet

(Vass, Vaus and Vause of York County Virginia)

Book 1 page 39 THOMAS VAUSE proves he has 500 Acres of land due him by importing: THOMAS VAUSE, HUMPHREY VAUSE, Jairott Hawthorne, Robert Thorndell, Susan Byard, Henry Hubart, Wm, Cro'po(?), Mary Wood, William Webb and Thomas Mace.

page 263: ROBERT VAUX of Queens Creek, Hampton Parish, assigns land in foregoing patent to Jerome Ham, Gent. He to enter land next court. Signed ROBERT VAUSE 26 Jan 1654. A note added later. "Again acknowledged in Court the 24th of Aprile 1657 by MRS FRANCIS VAUX wife of ROBERT VAUX.

Book 2 page 151 Present at Court 24-25 July 1646: ROBERT VAUS

p 153 Mr ROBERT VAUS obtained an attachment against the estate of Francis Hardridge, Mariner, for 1025 lb. tobacco.

P 165 Mr THOMAS VAUS to have attachment against the estate of Wm. Todd for debt of 423 lb. of tobacco.

p 198\199 Present at Court 22 Dec 1646: ROBERT VAUS.

p 203. Court for 25 January 1646/47: Robert VAUS.

p 218 ROBERT VAUS appraised the estate of Mr Pryor.

p 219. Bond 18 Feb 1646/47 James Stone of London, merchant, to ROBERT VAUS of Virginia, Merchant L52.15.00 current money of England. Receipt clearing VAUS of all debts, same date and signature.

p 284. Mr ROBERT VAUS, attachment against the estate of Wm Hodgston debt of 2170 lb of tobacco.

P 332. Power of Attorney: ROBERT VAUS of Virginia, merchant. To my loving brother, THOMAS VAUS and Lewis Burwell, both of the same place, to collect my debts and settle A\CS in Virginia. Signed ROBERT VAUS. Wit: HUMPHREY VAUSE and George Butler. 3 Jan 1647\48

book 3 Deed of Gift: 6 Oct 1757. \_\_\_\_\_ VAUX gives 400 Acres, part of 600 Acres to her kinsman, ELIZABETH wife of ROBERT VAUX-- to John Woodington and to Charles Wood.

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Will of ISREAL VOSS of Norfolk County Virginia  
Will Book 9, page 296 14 January 1713\14

to son: JOHN VOSS; 1 crown, his portion in full.  
unto Iseral Voss Jackson; 3 sheep in full his portion.  
to daughter Ann Jackson; 1 Crown in full her portion.  
to wife; MARY ROSS; 130 Acres of land, after her decease to WILLIAM  
VOSE and if he should die without issue to THOMAS VOSS.  
to my 3 children: WILLIAM, ISREAL and THOMAS.  
to my 3 youngest children : my 3 bots and sailes when they come of  
age.

WILL OF FRANCIS WILDER of Norfolk County Virginia  
27 February 1722\23

Sons: Samuel, Jerimah and Micheal Wilder. Daughter: Sarah.  
Son in Law: THOMAS VOSS; one small check (?) that was his mother's  
and one great Bible, if he learns to read.\*

\* My opinion on THOMAS VOSS is that he was a grandson of Francis  
Wilder. Son in law and son by law was often used in early Virginia  
instead of grandson, as we use the word today. I have no idea as to  
what a check was.

The loss of the spelling of the names VOSS, VASS, VAUS, VAUSE AND  
VAUX becomes evident with the reading of these papers. I copied  
them "as written" by Fleet when he transcribed them in his  
Colonial Virginia Records.

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*FREDERICK COUNTY, VIRGINIA*  
*by Virginia Lovett*

WILLIAM VANCE, SECOND SON OF JAMES VANCE (d. 1751) & ELIZABETH GLASS

The Reverend Dr. William H. Foote, in his manuscript, said that the second son of James and Elizabeth (Glass) Vance, William Vance, married as his first wife, Nancy Gilkeson. She was the aunt of Col. John Gilkeson. William's sister, Sarah Vance, was wife of Capt. John Gilkeson and they were the parents of Col. John Gilkeson, Capt. John being the brother of Nancy.

According to Dr. Foote, Nancy died early in her marriage, leaving one child, a daughter named Margaret who was probably named for Nancy's mother, Margaret Lynn. Mrs. Cherry, whose information was from descendants, said Margaret Vance married first George Lynn and second Mr. Bancroft. Nancy died soon after her daughter was born, about 1778-79.

William married his second wife, Mary Colville about 1780. She was the mother of one daughter, Elizabeth, and three sons James, William and John. Mary died by 1791 when William married his third wife, Ann Glass, who was the mother of his daughter Mary.

Mary Colville (1762- ca 1790-1) was the daughter of Samuel Colville whose will in 1803 mentions the three sons of his deceased daughter, Mary Vance - John, James and William. Samuel Colville appears to have been the son of James Colville who died in 1777, who only mentioned one son, John, in his will, but named three Colvilles as executors, John, Joseph and Samuel. However, when John wrote his will he mentioned his brother Samuel. Note also, that said Samuel had sons named James and John. Samuel's son John was named as nephew in John Colville's will. Brother Samuel Colville and John Colville were grandsons of Joseph Colville who died in 1758, who called Major William Vance (1718-1788 Wash. Co. Pa.) 'son' in his will. This Major William Vance was uncle to Ensign, later Captain William Vance who died in 1792.

The third wife of William was Ann Glass. They were married 18 Aug 1791 by (Rev.) Christian Streit. (A whole line of Streit family generations were Lutheran ministers. One of them was a printer and publisher as well). Ann was daughter of Robert Glass (ca 1716-1796) and his first wife, Eliza Fulton. Note that Robert's daughter, Ruth, a child of his later marriage to Sarah \_\_\_\_\_, married Rev. James Vance, son of Samuel Vance and grandson of James Vance (d 1751), in 1798.

In the will of Robert Glass he left a bequest of ten pounds to his daughter Ann, and five pounds to his daughter Mary and her son Robert Vance, son of James David Vance, who was brother of William and son of James Vance (d 1751). He named the executors of his will, his son Robert Glass and his son-in-law, James (David) Vance.

Robert Glass left a bequest to his daughter Martha, wife of Henry Sherrer. Martha came to Kentucky and lived among her kin, the Whites and Vances. Her daughter Jane married a man named Barbie in Kentucky, and their son was Mayor of Louisville when the Rev. Dr. Foote wrote his manuscript. John Barbie was Mayor 1855-1856.

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It appears that the executors to the will of William Vance (d 1792) were selected to protect the interest of all legatees. Thusly, William's executors were his wife Ann to protect her interest and that of her child, William's brother James David Vance to protect both Vance and Glass interests, John Gilkeson to protect the interests of Nancy's daughter. This latter in effect,, substantiates that this is the William Vance who married Nancy Gilkeson.

The witnesses to William's will were, Alex Feely, perhaps a Colville relative; Samuel and James David Vance were brothers of William, and W.R. Vance was William Rannels Vance, son of Samuel and nephew of said William.

Ann (Glass) Vance, widow, married secondly, Robert Gray and bore him two sons who were living when Dr. Foote wrote his manuscript in 1856, William Hill Gray and Joseph Glass Gray. Her daughter, Mary Vance, never married.

Elizabeth Vance, daughter of Mary (Colville) Vance is said to have married a Dr. Tilden.

James Vance, son of William Vance and Mary Colville born ca 1781, married 31 Jul 1826, Catherine (Campbell) Heiskells widow, of Jacob. They had two children, William and John Thomas. He was granted 564 acres, dated 4 Jan 1825, in Hampshire Co. Va. He is listed in Hampshire Co. records as selling portions of it from 1824 through 1831. Dr. Foote says he lived in Hardy Co. Va. In the loose records of Hampshire Co., Box 128, he is noted as one of the Gentlemen Justices of Hampshire Co. in 1831.

William Vances son of William Vance and Mary Colville, born 32 March 1786 and died 11 Feb 1863, married 7 Dec 1809, Margaret, Meyers (1784-18 Nov 1847) of Newtown. They had seven children one whose name is unknown and died young, Mary Catherine, married a Mr. Blue, possibly Richard, who died 1844, Edwin, William Alexander, James Henry, Susan Elizabeth married an Inskeep, Sarah Emily born 1822, married Robert W. Gilkeson. Edwin and Jams Henry died before Dr. Foote wrote his manuscript. A deed in 1869 from Robert W. Gilkeson and his wife Sarah, Mary C. Blue, and Susan E. Inskeep to Daniel C. Tabb., said these were the only survivors of William Vance, his heirs, selling Lots 7 and 8 in Romney, and was signed by these four. William A. had many deed transactions in Hampshire Co. during his lifetime. Either he or his father was a clerk of the court. The signature is on several records in Loose record Box 5, Envelope 36, and has 'Esq.' after his name, indicating that he was an attorney.

John Vance, son of William Vance and Mary Colville, born ca 1789 and died after 1860, married four times. Dr. Foote said he lived in Hardy Co. Va. His first wife was Susan Myers who died shortly thereafter. Second, he married his second cousin. Eliza Hoge who died soon after. Third he married Catherine Williams of Patterson Creek and daughter of Vincent Williams Jr. and Elizabeth VanMeter. By her he had three children, James David Vance, named for his uncle, who married Rebecca Masters, Elizabeth Vance, wife of David B. Cunningham, and William Vance who was not married and died in 1860 in Hardy Co. Va. He also had children-by his fourth wife, Emily McNeill. Dr. Foote's typed copy is confusing, as to their names. In one instance it seems the children were, Robert Chambers, Mary and Martha Cornelia, she died 1841. These may have been the children of John's son James David and his other children by Emily, Mary, Sally Carey and Leanna.

John's son William left a will wherein he mentions a trust to himself and his brother James David and sister Elizabeth C (Vance) wife of David R. Cunningham, her share only for her benefit,, far from the control of her husband. The trust was from their father.

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FREDERICK CO., VA. WILL BOOK 5 (1783-1794) Pages 392-396 WILLIAM VANCE

In the name of God amen The 25th Day of August One thousand seven hundred and ninety two I William Vance of the county of Frederick & state of Virginia being sick and weak in body but of sound and perfect Memory and knowing the uncertainty of this life on earth and being desirous to settle in order Do make this my last will and testament In manner and form following (that is to say) First and principally I commend my soul to God who Gave it and my body to the Earth from whence it was taken to be buried in such decent & christian manner as my Executors hereafter named shall think meet & Convenient and touching Wordly Estate as the Lord in his mercy hath bestowed on me As hereafter by this my last will and Testament is Expressed And first I Do revolve renounce frustrate & make void all will's By me formally made and Declare this my last will & testament Item I allow my beloved wife my plantation where I now live as far as the road that is through the place with that part I bought of David Brown During her widowhood or untill my son John comes to mature age If she shall (see) fit to keep & school my children With the two horses Spark and ball with their geers of the best I have & Chart & gears. And part of all the farming utensels Barr shears & shovel ploughs and such of the tools as cannot be done without And shall be allowed a sufficiency of grain & meat & flax and wool and linen and wollen cloth for to serve the family for as long a time as my Executors may in Reason think fit with four cows and two calves Twelve sheep and ten hogs and the poultry of all sorts But not have liberty of clearing above two acres of land in one year But if she should not think it convenient to do that it is my will and desire that she have as far as the south end of my plantation as the fence on the north side of the meadow next to the dwelling house with a straight course to the back line During her widowhood with the reserve of not Clearing more than One acre per year and if she should keep any of the children that she shall be allowed at the descretion of my Executors hereafter named But in the former case that the stock and other things be made good to the Estate But if at any time she shall think fit to Give up the land that she shall being intituled to one third of all the rents and profits of my Lands During her natural life. Item It is my will and desire that all my books that may be thought Particularly necessary for the use & Benifit of my wife & children may be kept Carefully for them untill they may be thought fit to have the care of them Then I allow that each shall get an equal share of them But in particular I allow my large Bible for my son James. Item It is my will and Desire that my silver things such as for my own wear be safely kept and equally divided amongst my three sons Viz. James William & John it is likewise my Desire that my sword with its furniture be kept untill it will sell near its former value or otherwise be kept till my three sons be grown up and then Equally divided amongst Sold or not (Item) I give and bequeath to my son James that tract of Land Known by the name of chrisman Spring & it is my desire that he should be Learned the trade of a Tanner if his abilities Admit of it and not to serve more than four years and not after the age of twenty Item I give and bequeath to my son William That part of my Land on the north side of the road Running through the plantation which includes to Lower end of the grant line agreeable to a decree of the High court of chancery Also my house and Lott in Stephensburgh and it (is) my desire he should be Learned the trade of a Matter and not serve Longer than the other (Item) I give and bequeath unto my son John that part of my Land where I now live out the south side of the road Before mentioned with that part which I purchased of David Brown And It is my desire that he should be Learned the trade of a waggon Maker and not to serve longer than the others But and if should not get into full possession of the whole of the Land so bequeathed when he comes to mature age as might be the case as by a former clause that his two brothers James & William shall pay each of them yearly and every one third part of what it might rent for on resonable terms for



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that part that he the S<sup>d</sup> John may fall deficient (Item) I Give and bequeath to my brother James D. Vance My suit of Black clothes with my best Hatt my best pair of boots my whip & Spurs (Item) I give and bequeath my beloved wife One third part of all the remainder of my Moveable Estate with my negroe Anne and of Service of her choice of the Negroe Children Untill my daughter Mary comes to mature age And it is my will and desire that she shall have my fansey mare at the Appraisement in part of third if she shall think fir (Item) I give and bequeath all the other two thirds of my moveable Estate with whatever may be the rents of the Lands unto my three daughters V(iz) Margaret Elizabeth and mary To be divided equally among them But if any of my children should die before of mature age it is my will & desire that their Estate so bequeathed shall be equally divided Among the Living of my children (Item) It is also my desire that my fansey mares sucking colt shall be kept for my daughter Margaret at the appraisement in part of her share and kept by my Brother James and him to be paid out of her share (Item) it is also my will and desire that the remainder of my negroes Should be kept and Divided among my daughters as equitably as possible and according to the direction of my Executors and it is my will and desire that my Beloved wife & my Brother James David Vance & John Gilkeson by my Executrix and Executors of this my Last will and testament In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and Seal this day & year at first written signed Sealed and Delivered in the presents of us

Samuel Vance  
Alex<sup>r</sup> Feely  
W<sup>m</sup> R Vance  
James D. Vance

Will<sup>m</sup> Vance (Ss)

At a court held for Frederick County the 2<sup>d</sup> Day of October 1792  
This will was proved by the oathes of Samuel Vance Alex Feely and Will<sup>m</sup> R. Vance Witnesses thereto & ordered to be recorded And on the motion of J. Gilkeson & J.D. Vance the Executors therein named who made oath according to Law Certificate is granted them for obtaining a probate thereof in due form giving security whereupon they with Will<sup>m</sup> Works (?) & David Mc Carty their Security entered into an acknowledged bond in the penalty of three thousand pounds Conditioned for their due and faithful Administration of the said Decedents Estate

The widow & Executrix therein named in open court refused taking on herself the burdens of the Execution thereof which is ordered to be certified

By the court  
TaKeith CFC

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HAMPSHIRE CO. VA. GRANT TO JAMES VANCE of 564 Acres

James Pleasants, Esquire, Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia To all to whom these presents Shall Come Greeting. Know Ye That in Conformity with a Survey made on the Seventh Day of Nov 1824 By virtue of two Land Office Treasury warrants to wit, 500 acres by No. 7514 issued November 3rd 1823 and 64 acres by No. 7465, issued the 1st of May 1823, There is Granted by the Said Commonwealth unto James Vance A Certain Tract or Parcel of Land Containing Five Hundred and Sixty-four acres, Situate in the County of Hampshire on the north west Side of the north Mountain and on Dreains of ? Locen and branch and bounded as followeth to wit, Beginning at two Spanish Oaks a Red Oak and Dogwood where Stood (originally four pines but now down) William Sufollete corner, Thence with Sufollets line S 43° W 318.5 Poles to a Small red Oak on John Sufollets line, Thence with it S 57° E 70 Poles to a white Oak and Maple by a drain the Same Course continued & Crossing two chains in all 215 poles to two Small Chianoch Oaks and a Locust by a pile of rocks on the Side of the mountain Thence N 43° E 148 poles to a road Contained in all 205 poles to two Chestnut Oaks at the foot of Bear Ridge in David Stephens line, Thence with it N 36° W 5 poles to two black Oaks Said Stephens' corner, Thence with his lines N 63° E 76 poles to three pines on a ? flutt S 43° E 84 poles Crossing a Drain to two Chestnut Oaks, Thence Leaving Stephens's land N 63° E 90 poles Crossing a Drain to a Chestnut Oak and gum at the foot of Bear Ridge, Thence N 57° W 225 poles Crossing a Drain at a Road to a large white Oak in Jesse Andersons line, Thence with it S 65° W 75 poles to a fence on a hill Side, Andersons corner, Thence with other of his lines S 45° W 54.87 poles to a white Oak and a pine Stump ( a Lick) in William Sufollets line and Thence with the same S 46° E 14.6 poles to the beginning. Th Have and to Hold the Said Tract or parcel of Land with its Appurtenances to the said James Vance and his Heirs forever In witness whereof the Said James Pleasants Esquire Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia hath hereunto Set his hand and Caused the Lesser Seal of the Said Commonwealth to be Affixed at Richmond on the fourth day of June in the Year of our Lord one Thousand eight Hundred and Twenty-five and of the Commonwealth the forty-ninth

James Pleasants

Tachell, James Pleasants Esquire Governor of the Commonwealth

Daughters of the American Revolution National Number 244790

Lineage: "I Kitty Campbell Zimmerman being of age of eighteen years and upwards, hereby apply for membership in the Society by right of lineal descent in the following line from William Vance who was born in Frederick County, Va. on the \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_ 1740-42 and died in Frederick Co. Va on the \_\_\_ day of Oct., 1792. His place of residence during the revolution was Frederick Co. Va.

I was born in Romney, Co. of Hampshire, State of West Va. b. 7-31-1872, m. 10-10-1900.

1. I am the daughter of John T. Vance born Oct. 5, 1830, d. Sept. 3, 1896 and his (2) wife Mary Elizabeth Inskeep b. 1837, d. 1904, m. Oct. 19, 1863.

2. The said John T. Vance was the son of James Vance b. 1781 d. 1861 and his wife Mrs. Catherine Campbell Heiskill b. 1799 d. 1846 m. 1828.

3. The said James Vance was the son of William Vance b. c. 1740/42 d. Oct. 1792 (will made) and his (2) wife Mary Colville (d/Sam. Colville)

4. The said William Vance was the son of James Vance b. 1714 d. 1751 (will made) and his wife Eliza Glass (d/Samuel Glass and Mary Gambel)

And he, the said William Vance is the ancestor who assisted in establishing American Independence, while acting in the capacity of Ensign."



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HARDY CO. (W) VA. WILL OF W<sup>th</sup> VANCE Book 10 page 495 7 Nov 1860

(Son of John and Vance and Catherine Williams - John son of William died 1792)

In the name of God Amen I William Vance of the County of Hardy in the State of Virginia do make, ordain and publish this my last Will and testament in manner and form following hereby revokeing all testamentary instruments hereto fore made by me.

To my Brother, James D. Vance I bequeath my bed, bedstead and bedding and everything belonging to same, I also give to my said brother my negro boy Tom provided he will take said boy at the price of one thousand dollars, and I desire him to deduct the amount of my indeotness to him which I believe to be four hundred dollars from the said price of said negro, and the residue of the price of said negro, to wit \$600. I desire to go into the following general bequests, thus qualify- ing the bequest of said boy.

I give and bequeath to my said brother said James D Vance and to my sister Elizabeth C. Cunningham - the wife of David B. Cunningham, in equal shares, on share to the and seperate use and benefit of said Sister far from the control of her husband - all the rest and residue of my property of any description including the residue of the price of said boy Tom, to have and to hold the same to them, but upon this special trust, that the said James D Vance and Elizabeth C. Cunningham shall pay to David B. Cunningham who is hereby appointed a Trustee for my Father John Vance the entire bequest legal interest of the state in which the said James D Vance and Elizabeth C. Cunningham now live annually on said property in this ? clause bequeathed to them annually so long as said John Vance shall live and after his death the said property principal and interest to belong absolutely in equal shares to the said James D. Vance and Elizabeth C. Cunningham

I hereby appoint my friend Geo. T. Williams executor of this my last will and testament and request him to collect together as soon as may be my property and the proceeds thereof and see that it is applied as herein disposed of  
Witness my hand this 27th day of September 1860

Signed and acknowledged by W<sup>th</sup>  
Vance the testator as and for his last  
will and testament in our presence we  
being present at the same time and  
subscribed by us as witness in the presence  
of testator. Charles Williams  
David C. Beard  
Strother M. Williams

William Vance Jr.

Hardy County Court

November Court 1860

At a court held for Hardy County on Monday the 7th day of November 1860  
George T. Williams named in this Last Will and Testament of William Vance Jr Dec  
as the Executor thereof appeared in Court and thereupon the said Geo. T. Williams,  
with Strother M. Williams & Edward Williams his securities entered into and acknow-  
ledged a bond in the penalty of \$8000.00 conditioned as the law directs & probate  
is granted him Test - Robt J. Tilden C.H.C

State of Virginia  
County of Hardy Court

At a Court continued and held for Hardy County on the 7th day of November 1860.  
This last Will and Testament of William Vance Jr Dec<sup>d</sup> was proved by the oaths of  
Charles Williams and Strother M Williams the attesting witnesses thereto and ordered  
to be recorded. Test - Robt J Tilden C.H.C.

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**UPDATE: JOHN VANCE, JAN 1995, PGS. 11-21**

Correspondence with Mrs. Eugenia Richards, a researcher of her husband's Richards line, has resulted in additional information on Ruthea Vance Richards line. Eugenia located Richards family records in the family files of the White County, TN. Library. Information on Ruthea's family has been extracted from the Richards information and is typed exactly as written. A preface to the family record states: "Richards family record in possession of Mrs. Don (Gladys) Richards of Sparta, Tennessee. Copied June 10, 1961 by Charles Leonard. The record was on faded blue paper. The paper had the stamped emblem of 'Durand & Co. London'. The ink is brown and done with a quill pen."

**BIRTHS**

Richard Richards was born the 10th of August, 1793.  
Rutha Richards was born the 12th of October 1795.  
for their children--John V. Richards was born January 22nd 1821.  
Eligah L. Richards was born the 19th of February 1822.  
Sary Jane Richards was born the 13th of October 1823.  
Een [Ellen] Catherine Richards was born April 13th 1825.  
Edward Richards son of Rd. Richards born Sept. 25, 1826.  
Samuel V. Richards was born January the 7th 1828.  
Elizabeth Richards was born June 13th 1829.  
Daniel R. Richards was born January 25th 1832.  
Susanah Richards was born January 21st 1834.  
Creed Richards the son of D. R. Richards was born 18th of March 1856.  
Thomas V. Richards was born 26th May 1857.  
Samuel G. Richards was born 12th August 1859.

**MARRIAGE**

Daniel R. Richards & Mary Taylor was married the 3rd of April 1855.

**DEATHS**

Richard Richards died the 21st August 1834.  
Rutha Richards died the 1st of April 1834.  
Creed A. Richards died the 3rd of July 1856.

Eugenia also found cemetery records for the following family members.

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BETHLEHEM CEMETERY near Doyle, White County, TN.

D. R. Richards, born Jan. 26, 1832; died May 22, 1901.

Mary Taylor, wife of D. R. Richards, born April 27, 1839; died  
Feb. 1, 1885.

E. S. Richards [Elijah?], born Feb 1822; died 1897.

Also listed in the Richards family records are Catherine  
[Katherine] Richards Vance and Eleanor Richards Vance, both wives  
of Thomas M. Vance. The Richards records state: "Catherine  
Vance, the daughter of Edward & Jane Richards was born July the  
1st 1781. Eleanor Vance born December the 1st 1796." Vance  
family records indicate that Katherine's date of birth as July 1,  
1782, and Eleanor's date of birth as November 7, 1795.

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Three former Vance Family Association members, Louise Pursley  
Austin, John B. Vance, and Thomas Hoover Vance have been  
identified as descendants of Samuel Vance/Sarah Colville; John  
Vance/Sarah Marquis; and Thomas M. Vance/ Eleanor Richards.

Louise Pursley Austin, deceased, was a descendant of Thomas and  
Eleanor's oldest child, Edward Richards Vance and his first wife,  
Mary C. Brevard; Griffith A. Pursley/Ann Eliza Vance; Bruce B.  
Pursley/Olive Mae Steed; James R. Pursley.

John B. Vance is a descendant of Edward Richards Vance and his  
second wife, Drusilla Bonner Hearn; Edward L. Vance/Ella Mottley;  
Zeb B. Vance/Charlotte Chambers.

Thomas Hoover Vance is a descendant of Thomas and Eleanor's forth  
child, David Wilson Vance and his wife, Lydia Morgan; Thomas M.  
Vance/Susan Thomas; Robert A. Vance/Clara Hoover.

Mary V. Norfleet

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**Pulaski County, KY Marriage Record 1799-1850**

20 Dec 1823 David Stringer to Nancy Vance; Bondsman: Samuel  
Vance

WAR OF 1812  
WILLIAM VANCE OF GEORGIA/MISSISSIPPI  
Research of Rubye Harrison

Perhaps the following document will complete the Family Group Sheet of some member.

Estate of William Vance - - Sale of Land Warrant at the December Term A.D. 1857 of the Probate Court of Clarke County before the Hon. Judge A. McRae, Judge and the matters of the Estate of William Vance Deceased towit:

The State of Mississippi  
Clarke County

Probate Court  
December Term 1857

To the Hon. John A. McRae Judge of Probate of said County:

This petition shows that William Vance decd late of Clarke County aforesaid died Seized of a certain Military Bounty Land Warrant issued to him by the United States Government the 23 Dec 1852 for 80 acres of land for Services as a private in Capt. Smith & Weatherbys Companies, Georgia Militia War of 1812. To the end the said the said Land Warrant may be legally disposed of your petitioner by the Administrator of land decedent prays your honor or order publication in the Chickssahay Advertiser to all persons interested in the said Land Warrant to appear at the time certain and show cause if any they can why the said land warrant should not be sold according to law and upon a final hearing of the same that your honor decree a Sale of said land warrant - - - and as in duty bound etc. G. W. Moody Admr. by M. L. Moody, Sol.

Petition for Sale of land warrant filed Dec 7 1857, G. W. Moody, Clk.

Upon the reading and filing of Said petition the Court made the following order towit: In the matters of the Sale of a certain Military Bounty Land Warrant issued to William Vance for 80 acres the 23 day of Decr 1852 & No. 46829 in Capts Smith & Weatherby's Companies Georgia Militia War 1812 as private for payments of debts.

This day came C. W. Moody Administrator and files his petition praying, etc.

*If you can identity this William Vance, please contact Rubye Harrison, 4302 Highland Park dr., Meridian, MS. 39307 and Kathleen Mason, Historian. Thanks.*

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COOKING HINTS FOR THE 1850'S  
Research of Ruby Swadley

This oven (or skillet) was purchased in Franklin, VA. (W. VA) in 1848 by Amos Harper who had December 20, 1849 married Sarah Ann Flinn.

In the latter part of September 1854 they left Virginia for Illinois, arriving in DeWitt Co., October 27, 1854. There were at that date two children Adam C. and Mary T., the latter dying in 1862.

This oven was used on this overland trip for baking bread for the family. The other families were along Jesse Vance and Joseph Davis, who had similar contrivance.

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Each family had a wide tracked, stiff tongue wagon, to which were hitched three horses, two on tongue and one at end of tongue known as lead horse, with only one line and a jockey stick. Upon the death of the person who had possession of the oven, the requirement is, besides good care, that it must always go to the oldest son of the family even if a transfer from one family to another must be made.

**Directions for Using Oven**

Make a bed of hot coals, set oven with lid on, on coals. When it is hot, lift lid, put in biscuits or corn or light bread in the dough (not too stiff) - put on lid and cover with coals examining from time to time to prevent burning. Keep lid on if you want good bread.

/s/ Adam Conrad Harper  
Saybrook, Illinois

*Comments from Kathleen: The Jesse Vance mentioned appears to be Jesse #1848 in our data base, whose wife was Hannah Conrad. Our data base also shows members Juanita Jean Gordon and Hermiona Jane Sherretts as their descendants. Jesse's root line was John Vance #2040, who died in Frederick Co. Va. 1760. What a priceless look into their trip. Thanks Ruby.*

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**THE VANCE/CRAWFORD CONNECTION.** See article Apr 1993 pg. 49-54. The mother of Hannah's husband was stated to be Honore (Vance?) Crawford Stephenson. Fay Morrison found in the Harrisburg, Pa. library a 4 page manuscript printed by the Chief Tanaharison Chapter, Connellsville, Fayette County, Pa. in 1960. This manuscript treats the line of Connell-Crawford. It states that Hannah Vance's husband Col. William Crawford was the son of John Crawford and Honora Grimes. Thus we have two versions of the maiden name of Honore/a Crawford Stephenson. It is interesting that Hannah's son John Crawford is stated to have married #2 Effie Grimes. The research continues.....Thanks Fay.

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**ERRATA:** April 1995 NL, pg. 38, line 14. Delete/draw line through Samuel III and Elizabeth Little Brown. He is not part of the direct line, but a brother to John Vance (Mary King) Thanks to the keen eye of Mary Norfleet for this correction. Working with all those Samuels can be mind stretching at times.

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**GENEALOGY FORMS/AIDS.** Robert and Bob Evelyn Vance of Louisville, KY. sent an interesting newspaper clipping about "The Skeleton Closet". This is a 3 year old business owned by Lynne Farmer. If you have been unable to locate a certain difficult to find type of chart, cemetery rubbings kit, etc. you may wish to contact her at 502-239-0480. We do not endorse any business or product per se, but this article looked interesting, and it may just be what you need. She has 1600 customers on the mailing list, and has sent out 3,500 mail-order catalogs.

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SAMUEL VANCE UPDATE APRIL 1995 NL, PG. 41/53

Texhoma, Ok. 73949  
April 11, 1995

Dear Kathleen,

Received the April "Vance Newsletter" today, and just had to sit right down and rehash some old things, and add a little new information also. Was tickled to see the article on Samuel. I had never been able to pin point just which of the many Samuels in Frederick Co. might really be the son of my James.

To rehash---I think it was at the first Vance meeting in Washington D.C. that I saw some material (I think it was probably M. Cherry material) that named my James Vances'(D. 1762) family as: John Vance, M. Jane Willson; Samuel Vance M. Sarah Bird; Margaret Vance M. Warth; Esther Vance M. Harrison.

I was sure that last--Esther/Harrison was wrong--and the more research I did on James family, the more I doubted ANY of it! I think the Vance Assc. has pretty well documented that John, son of James (D. 1762) M. Jane Black; my Esther M. Walter Shirley Jr; I have always thought Margaret M. a Snapp; and now here is your fine article on Samuel; with wife, Elizabeth. I will say, there is a possibility that it COULD have been, not Margaret, but another daughter, unnamed in James' Will, who married the Snapp, I still think it was probably Margaret. It has been family tradition that an Aunt of Esther's daughter, Mary Shirley, a Mrs. Snapp, raised Mary when her Mother died when she (Mary) was 3½ years old. Also family tradition, is that in the late 1790's, a daughter of this Aunt Snapp, married, and wanted one of her sisters to go with her to Tenn. where the young couple was to go make their home. None of her sisters wished to go, but Mary offered to go and stay with her for a year. Here in this new country, Mary Shirley met and married Dr. Hugh Barton in 1799 in Greenville. All of this old rehash.

Now I have searched for sometime for the right Snapp to be Mary Shirley's Aunt, and for a Snapp daughter who married ca 1798 and went to Tenn. Early records around Greenville, Tenn. are non existent and I have never actually found the marriage record for Mary & Dr. Hugh. This area was divided into various Counties several time, being close, at various times, to Washington, Sullivan, and Greene County.

Now comes some interesting things which might fit into your April Newsletter. A strong possibility I have found for a Snapp/Shirley connection, is one of a Lawrence Snapp Jr., B. ca 1747, M. ca 1770 a MARGARETHA, and had 5 children: Elizabeth B 1771, M. J. Tipton Jr; John, M. Keller; PHILLIP; Lawrence III, 1774; Margaret, B. 1779 & M. Dr. ELKANUAH DULANEY at Woodstock, on Feb. 7, 1799, and they removed that year to Sullivan County, Tenn. This has seemed to be about the best Snapp fit I could find, and this material in the latest V. News. on page 44, connecting a dau. of Samuel Vance, Margaret, to Samuel C. Evans--it says,"A family tradition says they met when he visited the Shenandoah Valley with the Dulaney's, his cousins! You also show a Power of Attorney for this Samuel Vance to Philip Snap---this then COULD be that Philip Snap was Samuel Vance's nephew, the son of Samuels sister, Margaret. By that time, Samuel had evidently gone to Tenn. himself. Phillip stayed in Frederick Co, and Samuel Vance could have easily sent back his Power of Attorney to Philip settle his affairs back in Frederick Co.

I have also found several Deeds for a Lawrence Snap that place him as being a land owner in the area around Cedar Creek and the Long Meadow. The home of James (D. 1762) and his family. In the Snapp family, as in the Vances, the same names were used by each generation, and there could easily have been several Lawrence Snapps around there. But this seems to be a BIT of collaborating information to tie into some of your conclusions on Samuel Vance and his family.

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You will see on page 45 that Elkanah R. Dulaney was a Witness on several Deeds of Samuels in Sullivan County. This could probably be either because he was a cousin of his daughters husband OR have been a husband of his neice.

Later this Lawrence Snapp and some of the rest of his family removed to Sullivan County, Tenn. also, and the Dulaney and Tipton families became quite prominent there. It seems that Samuel and his family also went to that area, perhaps all of these moves were because of the Snapp daughter Margaret, and her cousin, Mary Shirley, first going to the area, liking it, finding cheap land, and others of the families following. That was true of my Barton family, who also migrated from Frederick Co, Va. to around Knoxville, Tn. I have never looked in that Tenn. area for more Vance records of deeds, etc. as I thought the Vances were in my past, in Virginia. But I have found indications that some of the Shirley family also followed to the same Tenn. area later.

This all tied into my research so well that I thought you might be interested in it also. The more coincidences we uncover, the more we can think that our speculations are on target. And it seems to me that some of this April material helps solidify my Vance/Snapp research. And some of this might help you explain some of material you have uncovered. Namely the Dulaney/Philip Snapp/Vance connection.

Again, I express my appreciation for all your work on the Vance Newsletter. I still think it is one of the best ones I receive. I am seriously considering coming to the meeting in Nashville in June. Not that I would have anything much to add, but I certainly met a great bunch of Vances in Washington 10 years ago, and would love to see some of them, you of course, included, again. I would surely miss Tom. His letters always brought a big chuckle, plus his good information. I have heard from Virginia a few times since. It seems its hard for us to really make plans 3 months down the line, but in the next couple of weeks, we just may get "on the stick" and make some reservations. I have some other family research that I would like to do in that area, and we might spend a few extra days there. Hoping to see you.

Always,



Virginia Roach  
Box 182 Texhoma, Ok 73949

Comment from Kathleen Mason: I sent a copy of Virginia's letter to Mary Norfleet. From her files Mary sent Virginia information on the Snapp and Dulaney families of Sullivan County, TN. Perhaps this will be useful in proving the Snapp-Vance connection.

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SAMUEL VANCE/SARAH BIRD

by  
Clay Hamilton

The success of early America depended on educated, energetic, and versatile leaders at the national, state and local levels. Samuel Vance of Augusta and Bath counties, Virginia was such a leader. He was an Indian fighter, a militia officer of the Revolution, local politician, and one of the promoters and founders of Bath County, Virginia.

Samuel was born probably in the late 1730s, the son of John (d. 1757) and Rachel Primrose Vance. Samuel's siblings were John Primrose(probably the eldest son; married Martha \_\_\_\_\_), Benjamin, James, and Mary(m. Jacob Warwick). There were almost certainly others.

Samuel obtained a marriage license on 4 May 1763 and soon afterwards wed Sarah Bird, daughter of John and Margaret Dean Bird. The Bird family lived on Jackson's River at the mouth of Warm Springs Run. From about age 14 on, Sarah had been raised by her maternal uncle, John Dean because in September 1756, Shawnee Indians attacked in her neighborhood, killed her father and carried off her mother and siblings to captivity in Ohio. The Bird family was not reunited until 1763. Two years after their marriage, Samuel and Sarah moved up the river to a new farm at the confluence of Back Creek and Little Back Creek--now Mountain Grove, VA. They would live here the remainder of their lives and raise a large family. Their children were: Margaret(m. Charles Hamilton, 10 July 1781 in Augusta--not recorded--and moved to Scott Co., KY); Rachel(m. James Hamilton 21 September 1786 in Augusta); Elizabeth; Patsy; Sarah(m. \_\_\_\_\_ Carter); James(m. Catherine Monroe in Bath); Nancy(m. Smallwood Noel in Bath); Alice(m. Malcom Allen in Bath); and Benjamin(m. Margaret T. Lindsay, apparently in KY, d. MO, late 1847).

Samuel qualified as a Lieutenant of Augusta Militia on 17 May 1774. Subsequently, he joined the force under Col. Charles Lewis and marched to the mouth of the Great Kanawha River, where on 10 October 1774, they fought the Indians under the leadership of the celebrated Shawnee chief, Hokolessqua or Cornstalk. Samuel was wounded in this hotly contested and narrowly won battle.

During the years of the Revolution, Samuel served in a dual capacity. On 17 March 1778, he qualified as Captain of Militia and two months later, qualified as a Gentleman Justice of the Augusta County Court, a post he held throughout the Revolution. He was with the county militia at Yorktown for the surrender of Cornwallis in 1781. On 19 November 1782, he qualified as Lieutenant Colonel of Militia--his highest rank.

Samuel continued to sit as a Justice after the Revolution, but



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on 16 March 1785, he (and three others) refused to remain in his post because the Court in Staunton was too far from his home on Back Creek--an act meant to agitate for the creation of a new county. Although Samuel served again as a Justice in 1786 and as an Augusta Commissioner of the Tax in 1787, he continued to support the formation of a new county out of Augusta. Finally in 1790, the new county of Bath was formed and Samuel was one of its first Justices and its first Coroner. Although aging, he would hold some county office for the next ten years.

One more official duty was thrust upon him in 1804. That year, Samuel was appointed to a commission to study the best way for the planned James River and Kanawha Turnpike. He was a natural selection for the position because he had walked much of the route many times as an Indian fighter, soldier and hunter and had intimate knowledge of the terrain and geography from the Greenbrier River to the Ohio.

Samuel made his will on 25 February 1804: to son James, the lower part of the plantation I live on; to son Benjamin the upper end of the plantation with the other plantation on Little Back Creek; to my beloved wife Sarah Vance, the remaining part of my land, the dwelling house, orchards, together with a negro boy, Bob and a girl Poll; at her decease, the land and Bob to son Benjamin and the girl Poll to any of my children that my wife sees fit; to married daughters, one dollar, except Ally[Alice] Allen, who is to return Grace to Patsy and have Agy in lieu thereof. On 20 November 1806, Samuel wrote a short codicil to this will (not differentiated as such by the recording Bath County Clerk): to daughter Sarah Vance Carter, a mulattoe boy; to daughter Nancy, a negro girl Sarah; to daughter Elizabeth, a negro girl, Jude. The will was proved at the Bath County Court held in October 1807, indicating that Samuel had died the month previous. (Bath Co., VA Will Book 1, p. 377.)

Samuel's widow, Sarah Bird Vance died in 1815. Her will, written 30 October 1811, is brief: to my second daughter, Rachel, now Rachel Hamilton, my negro woman, Poll; if any children are born to Poll, the first to go to my granddaughter Sarah Hamilton, now Sarah Sutphin; the second of Poll to go to my other granddaughter Sarah B. Hamilton; any other increase of Poll to be given to Rachel Hamilton and her heirs; remaining property to be divided equally among the rest of my children; executors, Andrew S. Warwick [nephew] and son Benjamin; teste, Samuel V. Hamilton, Charles Hamilton, James V. Hamilton. Proved, September 1815 and February 1817. (Bath Co., VA Will Book 2, p. 136.)

Both Samuel and Sarah died at the Vance home at present day Mountain Grove, VA and almost certainly are buried nearby. However, their graves have not been located.

VANCES OF EARLY TENNESSEE

*JOSEPH VANCE OBTAINED 1000 ACRES IN EARLY TENNESSEE*

*Joseph Vance* obtained a one-thousand acre land grant on 20 March 1791 located at head of Sinking Branch of Boyd's Creek which had a "conditional line with Page Sims (Littlepage), John Ray and James Sims". GREENE COUNTY, TENNESSEE DEED BOOK 3.

Data: Smoky Mountain Historical Society "Newsletter". Summer 1987. Vol XIII #2. p.39.

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Muster Roll of Brig. General Nathaniel Taylor (War of 1812):

David G. Vance, Wagon Master, engaged 20th Sept 1814. Present.

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*David G. Vance (born likely Buncombe County, N.C.) Married Theodicia. Capt., Mounted Volunteer Company, Col John Williams' 24th Reg US Infantry. Buried Vance Family Cemetery, Buncombe County, N.C.; Govt Marker. (Note: There is some confusion here re the 2 David G. Vances; see List of Soldiers buried in Tennessee for the one who died 1823/4 in Washington County, Tennessee). SOLDIERS OF THE WAR OF 1812 BURIED IN TENNESSEE. by Mary Hardin McCown & Inez E. Burns. p. 160.*

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VANCES ON EARLY BLOUNT COUNTY, TENNESSEE DEEDS

22 Feb 1802 *George X Vance*. Made his mark as witness when Andw Taylor sold 400 ac north side Little Tennessee River.

3 July 1815 *Andrew Vaunts'* land joined property of Reuben Charles..151 ac on waters of Nine Mile Creek.

28 Feb 1812 *Samuel Vance* witnessed Sam'l Orr, Sr sale of land on Waters of Baker's Creek.

28 Dec 1813 *Samuel Vance* bought land at public sale by Sam'l Cowan, Sheriff "to satisfy judgment against Samuel Cargo".

8 May 1818 *Samuel Vance* witnessed deed Beaty Sale to Williams on Nine Mile Creek.

27 July 1818 *David Vance* sold to James Davis. \$550.00. 198 ac waters of Ellejoy Creek. Vance is "seized of ...estate of inheritance in fee simple"

3 May 1819 *David Vance* bought 100 ac Ellejoy Creek \$450.00 from Wm. Garner "part of Garner Grant.

4 May 1819 *David Vance* owned land joining Wm. Garner (father) when father sold to John F. Garner.

MARGARET VANCE WEBB  
116 WESTWOOD DRIVE  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37919  
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Vance, Henry H., 1st Sgt.  
(160th PA); VIII, 916

Old Edition Henry is found in  
Vol. IV, pg 916

Research by Dorothy Vance Olmstead. She adds 'I have used this reference and found through other research that the Capt. David Vance, 35th PA is the same person as the Capt. David Vance of the PA Ind. Co. The Winfield S. Vance, PA Ind. Co. is the son of Capt. David. Both men were from Franklin Co. PA.'

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Book "Genealogical Records, Fayette County" at State Library of Pennsylvania, Harrisburg.

Mt. Moriah Cemetery

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| Vances: | Mary Ann          | d 11-10-1856 | 36   |
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| Ruth dau of O | -MC 1902-1902 |

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| Vances: | Rachel             | 1836-1908        |            |
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|         | Charles of JH-E    | 8-18-1883-1-9-17 |            |
|         | John               | 9-24-1887        |            |
|         | Eliz.              | 4-14-1901        |            |
|         | Anna               | 5-30-1855        |            |
|         | Thomas             | 5-4-20 ??        | 86         |
|         | Rebecca            | 12-13-1903       |            |
|         | Jacob              | 1882             |            |
|         | Mary Jane wf Jacob | 7-21-1833        | 5-17-1882  |
|         | Mary               | 1927             |            |
|         | Lizzie L. wf Ellis | 7-19-1896        | 33         |
|         | Myrtle             | 1-27-1793        | 2-23-1     |
|         | Jacob              | 1-2-1830         | 12-13-1903 |
|         | Rebecca            | 6-23-1863        | 12-6-1896  |
|         | Thomas W ?         | 1849-1922        |            |
|         | Phoebe A wf Thos.  | 1859-            |            |
|         | Rachel             | 1836-1908        |            |
|         | Agness             | 1847-1914        |            |
|         | Albert             | 1855             |            |
|         | Anna Myrtle        | 1894-1908        |            |

Sandy Hill Union Ch near New Salem, Fayette Co.

|             |            |           |
|-------------|------------|-----------|
| A Frank     | 1858-1906  |           |
| Mary Jane   | 1858-1929  |           |
| Mary of AF  | -17-1892   | 3-15-1907 |
| Ollie of AF | 15-1858    | 4-1-1890  |
| Annie M     | 10-23-1885 | 9-4-1892  |

- Research of Fay Vance Morrison

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DOCUMENTATION FOR JORDAN VANCE & MARY VANCE nee VANCE.

JORDAN VANCE & MARY VANCE were in Logan Co KY 1812, where they were married, March 24, 1812.

JORDAN VANCE was # 79 on the 1818 Tax list for White Co IL. (The same list shows Andrew Vance #550 and William Veach #551.)

1820 CENSUS WHITE CO IL.

VANCE, ANDREW #188 26 1 WH.male 21 or over, 6 other whites.

VANCE, JOHN #188 25 1 Wh male 21 or over, 1 other wh.

VANCE, JORDAN #188 19 1 Wh male 21 or over, 6 others. (by 1820 Jordan & Mary had HARRISON, ANDREW, THOMAS, SARAH JANE. Who was the 6th person on Jordan's chart? A child that died, or perhaps the Charles Vance to whom Jordan paid \$125.00 in 1825? Jordan could have been holding Charles' inheritance? And finally:

VANCE, SAMUEL #189 37 1 Wh male 21 or over, 9 others.

Fourth mention of JORDAN VANCE a compilation of Missouri Taxpayers from 1819-1826, St. Francois Co MO;

The fifth mention of JORDAN VANCE is an indenture found in deed bk B pg 181, Washington Co MO. Dated March 18th 1825, the document lists various articles totaling "the just sum of one hundred and twenty five dollars due to Charles Vance of the same county"

The final mention we have of JORDAN VANCE is the 1830 census Washington Co MO.

VANCE, JORDAN 30/40 1 MALE UNDER 5, 1 MALE 5/10, 1 MALE 10/15,  
2 MALES 15/20

1 FEMALE 5/10. (According to family tradition, MARY died 1829)

JORDAN DIED 1831. (Again, according to family tradition.)

The descendents of Jordan and Mary's son, Charles Ashley Vance, who was 6 when Jordan died, said his parents were buried in the Cemetery beside the Wolf Creek Baptist Church, located on the Samuel Vance farm, in St. Francois Co, near the town of Farmington. The land for the church and cemetery having been donated by Samuel Vance. This information said to have been in Charles Ashley Vance's bible, which I have been unable to locate.

Leora Giessing, a granddaughter of (Minnie) Alice Vance Blanton, a daughter of James Clark Vance, who was a son of Harrison Ramey Vance, has said her grandmother Blanton told her that Mary and Jordan lived near Iron Mountain, MO, which was then part of Washington Co, now Iron County. She said they all belonged to the Wolf Creek Regular Baptist Church, and all the Vances were buried in what came to be known as the Vance cemetery after the Wolf Creek Baptist church disbanded. Only two identifiable stones remain. One ornate Masonic stone for Samuel's son, William R. Vance, who died 1856, one for his wife, Lucinda McFarland Vance, who d. in 1877.

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- by Bess Copeland

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DOCUMENTATION FOR THE CHARLES VANCE, THOUGHT TO BE BROTHER TO  
JORDAN VANCE.

The first document I find for CHARLES VANCE is an indenture filed  
in Washington Co MO., deed book B page 181, at which time JORDAN  
VANCE paid \$125.00 owed to CHARLES VANCE.

This indenture was filed Mar 18 1825; in September the same year  
MARY VANCE wf of JORDAN, gave birth to her sixth child and named  
him CHARLES ASHLEY VANCE.

1830 CENSUS FOR WASHINGTON CO MO.

|               |           |              |
|---------------|-----------|--------------|
| CHARLES VANCE | age 20/30 | Female 15/20 |
| 1 Male        | 10/15     | Female 10/15 |
| 2 Males       | 5/10      |              |

Unusual for a man under 30 to have 3 children over 10 years old.  
And the 15 to 20 year old female could be the mother of the 2  
males under 10, but not the others. This line of Vance's didn't  
make anything easy!

Also on the 1830 census for Washington Co MO were:  
JORDAN VANCE 30/40  
THOMAS VANCE 40/50

We don't know the relationship between this Charles, Jordan and  
Thomas Vance. We think they were brothers. There was definately a  
family connection. When Jordan died the 3 oldest accompanied  
Charles and Thomas to Greene Co IL. The 3 youngest remained in  
St. Francois Co MO with their mother's brother, Samuel Vance.

1840 census JERSEY CO IL. (Carved from Greene Co.)

JOHN VANCE (son of Thomas or Charles, perhaps)

THOMAS VANCE

CHARLES VANCE. Charles is listed at the same number on the  
Census as Valentine A Gibbs, who was the uncle of Mary Rieborn  
Fitzgerald, wife of Harrison R. Vance. Both Harrison and Andrew  
Jackson Vance are back in MO on the Madison Co Census by 1840.  
Both were married in Greene Co IL, 1834 and 1836.

JERSEY CO IL. 1844 a notice of the death of CHARLES VANCE, with  
THOMAS VANCE as administrator.

An inventory and sale of Charles Vance worldly goods; buyers;  
THOMAS VANCE, JOHN U. VANCE (?) CHARLES K. VANCE (?)

Jersey Co IL., in 1847, Charles Vance' widow Sarah petitions the  
court to appoint another Administrator, as "Thomas Vance has  
removed from the state without making final settlement."  
Where did this Thomas Vance go?

Charles K. Vance m. Margarite C Carrico, Dec 2, 1841. Greene Co  
IL. (I have been unable to find Charles K. Vance after 1844,  
when he bought some of Charles Vance inventory, which contained a  
good number of books. Where did this Charles K. Vance go?

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THOMAS VANCE

What we know about the THOMAS VANCE who was on the 1830 Census for Washington Co MO. (Not much.) I will preface this with what is known of Jordan's movements for the same time period.

The 1820 Federal Census shows JORDAN VANCE, white male over 21 and 6 other whites, in White Co IL.

With Jordan in White Co, were his wife Mary's brothers, Samuel Vance and Andrew Vance, with their families, and William Veach, probably relatives of Andrew Vance's wife, Elizabeth Veach.

The 1830 Federal Census shows JORDAN VANCE, white male 30/40, with 5 minor males, and one female age 10. No adult female, for Mary had died the year before, in 1829.

Mary's brother Samuel Vance had settled in St. Francois County (adjacent to Washington) brother Andrew had settled in north Illinois. But Jordan was not the only Vance on the Washington Co Census in 1830, the others were, CHARLES VANCE and THOMAS VANCE, who, like Topsy, simply "seem to have grown", and appeared full-grown, with families, but no past history.

CENSUS WASHINGTON CO MO 1830;  
THOMAS VANCE 40/50 1 male under 5, 3 males 5/10, 1 male 15/20.  
1 female under 5. 1 female 20/30.

CENSUS INDEX JERSEY COUNTY IL. 1840;  
THOMAS VANCE.  
JOHN VANCE (perhaps the John U. Vance who bought at Charles sale.)  
CHARLES VANCE.  
(This is only a Census Index, which doesn't give any more information, only lists head of household.)

JERSEY COUNTY IL 1844;  
THOMAS VANCE named Administrator of estate of CHARLES VANCE, decd.

Buyers at sale held for CHARLES VANCE;

JOHN U. VANCE; 3 Winsor chairs, 4 books, 1 clothes brush.

CHARLES K VANCE; 1 book, HISTORY OF MARTYRS, 6 other books.  
1 Map of ILLINOIS, 1 grindstone.

THOMAS VANCE; 1 stove & pipe, 1 saddle, 3 Saddle blankets, 1 cow and 2 bull yearlings, 8 head of stock hogs, 1 Testament, 1 tract.

Others at sale; Albert T. Tonniper, Rifle gun; William Berry?  
Chilton Smith, George Peguis.

Thomas Vance signed his name. Charles' widow, Sarah Vance, made her mark.

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JERSEY COUNTY IL 1847:

SARAH VANCE, widow of CHARLES VANCE, petitioned the court to appoint a new administrator for her late husband Charles' estate, as THOMAS VANCE has removed from the area without making final settlement.

Who was this THOMAS VANCE? WHERE DID HE GO?

I have searched the Illinois Statewide 1850 Census for THOMAS VANCE. There are 4:

THOMAS VANCE age 23 b. TN Laborer, Jefferson Co IL.  
THOMAS VANCE age 34 b. KY Boat Builder, Massac Co IL.  
THOMAS VANCE age 21 b. KY farmer, Macoupin, IL.  
THOMAS VANCE age 35 b. KY U.B. Clergyman, Franklin Co IL.

We don't know the relationship of JORDAN VANCE, THOMAS VANCE and CHARLES VANCE. What we do know...when Jordan Vance died in Washington Co MO in 1831, his 3 oldest sons, Harrison Ramey, Andrew Jackson and Thomas M. Vance, accompanied Thomas & Charles Vance to IL. Harrison & Andrew married there and soon after traveled back to MO and settled in Madison Co.

Also wanted to share this with you. In my quest for finding roots for JORDAN VANCE, I decided that locating the census of all of JORDAN and MARY VANCE'S children who were still living in 1880 when the census data included the birth place of parents, should tell us where Jordan was born. Good thinking, right? Jordan and Mary had 3 living children in 1880. When I did find the census for the survivors, the following is the results:

Shannon Co MO. 1880 census.

VANCE ANDREW J. white, male age 75 Clergyman KY KY NC (or Ala) (this sent me by Ruth Needham. Age should have been 65.)  
wife ELIZABETH 78.  
son CHARLES. 46.

Crawford Co, MO. 1880 census.

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|----------------|------------|---------------|----------|-----|----|-----|
| VANCE, JOHN    | white male | age 57        | Farming, | MO  | NC | NC. |
| wife ELIZABETH | 43.        | keeping house |          | MO  | KY | KY. |
| son JAMES A.   | 22.        | works on farm |          | MO  |    |     |
| dau MOLLIE     | 17.        |               |          | MO  |    |     |
| son ALBERT     | 14.        | works on farm |          | MO. |    |     |
| dau LOUISA     | 12.        | at home       |          | MO. |    |     |
| dau ELIZABETH  | 10         | at home       |          | MO. |    |     |
| son JOHN, Jr.  | 7          |               |          | MO. |    |     |

St. Francois Co MO. 1880 census.

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| McFARLAND, J.J. | 60 | Wagon Maker    | MO. | NC | NC. |
| wife SARAH J.   | 60 | Keeping House. | IL. | VA | VA. |

Isn't it strange that both Andrew J. & John B. believed their mother, Mary Vance, dau of Andrew Vance & Ann Ramey, to have been born in NC? While dau Sarah J. thought both parents born in VA.

Jordan & Mary's other children:

HARRISON RAMEY d. 1861.

THOMAS M. d. unknown.

CHARLES ASHLEY d. between 1870 census and 1880 census.

Do you think this is a conspiracy to prevent me from finding out where Jordan was born? Do you think I'm being paranoid? Nah!

*Bess Copeland*

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The National Geographic Society Vol. 188 No. 3, September 1995

This issue has a nice article 'Essence of Provence' pages 52-77. On page 61 is a lovely photo of Les Baux, home to the Lords of Baux, who ruled from A.D. 1000 to 1400. Nearly two million visitors now breach the fortress each year. Some of our VFA members visited there last year. If you don't subscribe to this magazine, check your library. It's worth the effort.

*They did it Again!*

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*They did it Again!*

The following newspaper clipping from The Virginia Mountaineer, Grundy, VA, 24 August 1995 seems to prove this line had the largest Vance family reunion again. VFA members from this line present: Quinton Dale Vance, Wanda Green, Scott Cantrell, Margaret Blankenship, and Grace Dotson. Congratulations

## Vance Family Holds 16th Reunion At Panther Park

Descendants of David Vance gathered Saturday, August 12, 1995 at George's Fork, Panther State Park for their 16th annual reunion. Registration began at 10 a.m. Approximately 320 attended. Of those attending approximately 30 were friends of the family. They traveled from 13 states to be together once more. States represented were Florida, Georgia, Indiana, Iowa, Kentucky, Maryland, Michigan, North Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, Virginia and West Virginia.

David Vance was the father of 19 children, two of whom surviving. Both were present: Pearl (Vance) Green, Croton, Oh., and Linnie Vance Mullins of Paynesville, W.V. Also present were two daughters-in-law, Linnie Horn Vance Jackson and Mattie Horn Vance.

Homer Van Vance served as master of ceremonies. Plaques were presented as follows:

Vance Traveler: Pam and Dick Evener from Florida, 999 miles.

Vance Honeymooners: youngest couple, married seven weeks, Aaron and Mary Ann Mullins.

Vance Lovebirds: couple married longest, 56 years and three months, Bittle and Mildred Steele.

Vance Papoose: youngest descendant, 15 months old, Kirsten Jewell, daughter of Jamie and Loretta Rowe Jewell.

Vance Elder: oldest descendant, 86 years and three months, presented to Wanda Green in honor of her mother Pearl Vance Green. Wanda presented the plaque to Linnie Horn Vance Jackson, age 90 years and 10 months being the oldest person present.

Everyone enjoyed good food and fellowship. Edmond, Eugene and Brenda Vance sang and played some music. Jarrell and Bennie Vance also sang and played. Horseshoes and volleyball were enjoyed by many.

Approximately 30 descendants spent the previous week or part of the week at the Youth Camp at Panther Park with several others visiting during the days. Each night entertainment was provided. In the evening of the reunion, approximately 100 family members and friends gathered at the old David Vance homeplace. Others gathered at the Youth Camp for hot dogs, music and more fun.

Everyone had an enjoyable day and is looking forward to next year's reunion to be held on Saturday, August 10, 1996 at George's Fork, Panther State Park.

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**PENNSYLVANIA MARRIAGE RECORDS**

Marriages by Rev. James Guthrie, Fayette Co. PA, May 2, 1805-Aug 24, 1848.  
Original at Historical Society of Western Pennsylvania. He served both Laurel Hill Presbyterian Church, Dunbar Twp. Fayette Co. and Tyrone Presbyterian Church, Tyrone, Twp. Fayette Co.  
Source: Western Pennsylvania Genealogical Society Quarterly, Vol. 16, No. 1 Summer 1989.

1819 Nov 18 James Hume of Westmoreland Co. to Mary Vance of Tyrone Congregation. Pg 27.  
1821 Sept 27 John Vance Jun. to Jane Wray all of Tyrone Congregation. Pg. 30  
1830 Dec 7 Samuel Vance of Tyrone Congregation to Nancy Clark of Laurel Hill Congregation. Pg. 45  
1831 Oct 13 James Vance to Isabella Foster all of Tyrone Congregation. Pg. 48  
1831 Feb 11 Matthew Vance to Mary Ann Vance all of Laurel Hill Congregation. Pg. 65

- Fay Vance Morrison

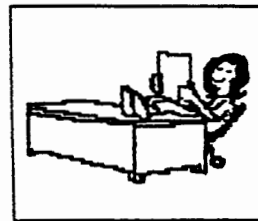
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**The Lincoln County North Carolina Marriage records:**

Christina Vance and John Richards 29 Sept 1796  
David Vance and Penny Catty 18 Apr 1801  
James Vance and Polly Barnett 21 May 1792  
Samuel Vance and Elizabeth Rockeett July 1807.

David, James and Samuel Vance were the children of David and Ruth Vance of Mecklenberg, NC. See Oct. 1988 NL, pg. 88. What family did this Christina Vance belong to. Note the early date. Research of Grace Dotson.

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**NOTE FROM KATHLEEN'S DESK**

HANDLEY LIBRARY, WINCHESTER, VA. New member Jan Francis of Spartanburg, SC. found the VFA Newsletters there, along with my book My Carroll Co. Kin. This prompted an hour long phone call, and some exchange of information. Jan found references in the newsletters about neighbors of the Vances in Franklin Co. PA, which proved interesting to her, since families usually traveled in groups. Jan plans a fall research trip in Pennsylvania. Please be aware of how important it is to note the neighbors as you do research.

Also, in the interest of saving my time and energy, when you send a deed of will, please also send a typed copy. I do appreciate those members who send early time frame research typed and ready for the NL. Please save information/articles in your computer, in the event there may be additional or corrections to what you send. Because of your cooperation, January 1996 NL folder has many 'press ready' articles. Keep it up! Have a nice holiday, and send your dues in early to help Bruce with the paperwork.

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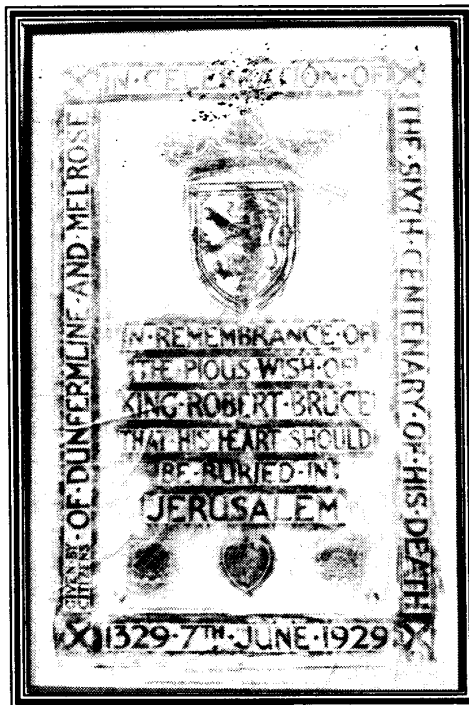
## SCOTLAND

### ROBERT THE BRUCE

RESEARCH OF BOBBY VANCE, 303 SO. STRAUSS, WACO, TX 76706  
BY KATHLEEN MASON

Bobby had just learned of the Vance family connection to Robert the Bruce when he began tutoring adults in reading in 1990 at his local McLennon County Community College. The reward for community service had an unexpected surprise. He noticed in the study area hanging on the wall an original large framed 'rubbing'. With permission he was allowed to take it out of the building to have photographed to share with our membership. Robert the Bruce is buried in Dunfermline Abbey, Dunfermline, Scotland, near Edinburgh, but his heart is alleged to be buried at Melrose Abbey, borders area of Scotland. There is a stone marker there about midway on the left side of the beautiful ruins of Melrose. His friend Douglas had made an unsuccessful attempt to take his heart on a crusade to Jerusalem. See Jan. 1991 NL pg. 25 for article and the pedigree. The rubbing reads:

"Given by citizens of Dunfermline and Melrose in celebration of the sixth centenary of his death 1329 - 7th June 1929. In remembrance of the pious wish of King Robert Bruce that his heart should be buried in Jerusalem."



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**NEW AND REVISED VFA PEDIGREES**

**CALLOWAY, Janice**

**78 Peckland Road**

**Greenwich CT 06831**

(7879) CALLOWAY, David W B- M- 1 Jan 1980 TX  
(7881) WOODWARD, Walton L B-10 Feb 1916 AR D- M- 1 Jan 1938 AR  
(7883) GATTIS, Boyd T B- 1 Nov 1886 AR D- 3 Aug 1985 AR M- 2 Dec 1906 AR  
(7885) VANCE, David B-28 Nov 1844 TN D-14 Dec 1927 AR M-10 Feb 1881 TN  
(7887) VANCE, William B-Abt 1823 TN D-

(7880) WOODWARD, Janice B-10 Nov 1938 AR D-  
(7882) GATTIS, Reba F B-13 Dec 1916 AR D-  
(7884) VANCE, Mollie E B-23 Jun 1886 TN D-28 Oct 1977 AR  
(7886) WHITEHEAD, Evalin B-12 Aug 1856 AR D-26 Sep 1928 AR  
(7888) UNK, Peggy B- D-

**CARROLL, Dorothy Howell**

**958 Buoy Road**

**Houston TX 77062**

(7901) CARROLL, David F B- 4926 D- 1970  
(7903) HOWELL, James P B- 1863 D- 1934  
(7905) HOWELL, Samuel H B- 1829 D- 1876  
(7907) BLEVINS, John W B-15 Mar 1806 TN D-23 Nov 1887 TN M- 4 Nov 1830 TN  
(7909) BLEVINS, Hardin B- 8 Dec 1777 TN D- May 1860 TN M-Abt 1804

(7902) HOWELL, Dorothy J B- 1929 D-  
(7904) MADDUX, Mary J B- 1867 D- 1930  
(7906) BLEVINS, Ruth J B- 1831 D- 1915  
(7908) GUNN, Elizabeth B- 1810 D- 1899  
(7910) VANCE, Elizabeth B-28 May 1780 TN D-Abt 3 Jun TN

**COX, Helen**

**1402 Melwood Drive**

**Forest MS 39074**

(3500) COX, Raymond E B- D-  
(3502) VANCE, Selby B-25 Mar 1905 MS D-23 Sep 1991 M-19 Aug 1923 MS  
(3504) VANCE, John W B-28 Apr 1878 TX D- 4 Feb 1964 MS M-23 Aug 1898 MS  
(3408) VANCE, James T B-12 Feb 1851 TX D-25 Jul 1937 MS M-15 Nov 1872 MS  
(3418) VANCE, David B- 9 May 1825 Ire D-17 Oct 1911 MS M- Mar 1850 MS  
(3416) VANCE, James B-Abt 1795 Ire D- M-Abt 1817 Ire  
----- Additional & Double Line(s) -----  
(3420) VANCE, W T B-Abt 1822 Ire D- 6 Jan 1862 FL M-Abt 1845 Ire  
(3506) VANCE, Francis B-Abt 1790 Ire D-  
(3508) VANCE, Thomas F B- Ire D- MS  
(3416) VANCE, James B-Abt 1795 Ire D- M-Abt 1817 Ire

(3501) VANCE, Helen M B-26 Dec 1934 MS D-  
(3503) CATER, Mary G B- 4 Jul 1902 MS D- 4 Oct 1978  
(3505) EZELL, H M B-10 Nov 1881 MS D- 7 Mar 1969 MS  
(3409) VANCE, Acenith E B-13 May 1853 MS D-24 Oct 1936 MS  
(3419) VANCE, Margaret B- 7 Sep 1832 Ire D- 6 Jan 1925 MS  
(3417) MCCANNON, Ann B-Abt 1795 Ire D-  
(3421) VANCE, Jane B-Abt 1827 Ire D-  
(3507) UNK, Elizabeth B-Abt 1806 Ire D-  
(3509) UNK, Margaret B-Abt 1796 Ire D-  
(3417) MCCANNON, Ann B-Abt 1795 Ire D-

**DAVIS, John**

**12760 Dogwood Hills Lane**

**Fairfax VA 22033**

(7162) DAVIS, John D B- 5 Jun 1942 CA D- M- 4 May 1988 UT  
(7164) DAVIS, Earl R B- 5 Sep 1909 IA D- M-19 Feb 1941 CA  
(7166) DAVIS, Walter J B-16 Oct 1877 IA D-18 Feb 1970 IL M-26 Dec 1906 IA  
(7168) DAVIS, Charles L B-18 Oct 1848 OH D-15 May 1926 IA M-17 Jan 1877  
(7170) COLVILLE, David H B-24 Mar 1823 VA D- 9 Apr 1907 IA M-17 Jan 1877 IA  
(7172) COLVILLE, Robert J B-20 Jun 1791 VA D-15 Mar 1833 OH M-21 Apr 1816 VA  
(7174) COLVILLE, John W B- 1760 VA D- OH M-15 Oct 1782 VA  
(7176) COLVILLE, Samuel B- 1733 VA D- Oct 1807 VA M- 1756 VA  
(7178) COLVILLE, James B- 1695 Ire D- 1777 VA M- 1720 VA

(7163) KNOERNSCHILD, Mar B- D-  
(7165) STAKER, Romona B B-29 Aug 1919 UT D-  
(7167) REMINGTON, Abigail B- 4 May 1886 IA D-29 Nov 1972 CA  
(7169) COLVILLE, Clara M B-15 Nov 1854 IA D-15 May 1927 IA  
(7171) PRITCHARD, Mary E B-10 Oct 1829 OH D-20 Oct 1922 IA  
(7173) WATSON, Hannah A B- 1783 VA D- 3 Apr 1870 OH  
(7175) JAMISON, Mary B- 1763 VA D-29 May 1802 VA  
(7177) COLVILLE, Agnes B- 1737 VA D-  
(7179) VANCE, Ann B- 1700 Ire D-

**FERGUSON, H. Joseph**

**1061 Chandler Road**

**Lake Oswego OR 97034**

(8035) FERGUSON, Harvey J B- 8 Feb 1934 OR D-  
(8033) FERGUSON, Russell E B-12 Dec 1899 OR D-30 Jun 1963 OR  
(8032) FERGUSON, Edward Z B-15 May 1855 OR D-28 Jul 1917 OR  
(8029) BRYCE, John B- 1832 Sco D-24 Dec 1916 OR

(8034) FERGUSON, Marion B-17 Mar 1904 ND D- 2 Jul 1989 OR  
(8031) BRYCE, Josephine B- 1868 OR D- 1925 OR  
(8030) VANCE, Janet B- D-Abt 1902 OR

**GRISSOM, Robert Austin**

**POB 219**

**Decatur MS 39327**

(6585) GRISSOM, Robert A B-28 Jun 1938 D-  
(6584) GRISSOM, Robert S B-27 Oct 1885 KY D- 7 Jun 1945  
(3771) VANCE, Elijah A B- 6 Nov 1863 MS D-14 Oct 1937 MS M-15 Dec 1884  
(3418) VANCE, David B- 9 May 1825 Ire D-17 Oct 1911 MS M- Mar 1850 MS  
(3416) VANCE, James B-Abt 1795 Ire D- M-Abt 1817 Ire  
----- Additional & Double Line(s) -----  
(3508) VANCE, Thomas F B- Ire D- MS

(6586) JOYNER, Geraldine B- 9 Oct 1939 D-  
(6583) VANCE, Mattie B B- 9 Feb 1905 MS D-21 Feb 1940 TN  
(3784) MAPP, Lula B B- 8 Nov 1867 D-25 Apr 1949  
(3419) VANCE, Margaret B- 7 Sep 1832 Ire D- 6 Jan 1925 MS  
(3417) MCCANNON, Ann B-Abt 1795 Ire D-  
(3509) UNK, Margaret B-Abt 1796 Ire D-

**VANCE, William Huntoon**

**330 Main St  
Apt B-40**

**Gardendale AL 35071**

(8028) VANCE, William H B-24 Aug 1967 AL D-  
(726) VANCE, Samuel L B-18 Mar 1936 KY D- M- 7 Feb 1959  
(728) VANCE, Ledcreich S B- 7 Jan 1899 KY D- 6 Oct 1962 KY M-18 Apr 1931  
(730) VANCE, Samuel M B-24 May 1854 TN D- 9 Dec 1915 KY M- 8 Apr 1885  
(732) VANCE, Morgan B B- 1813 KY D- 8 Jun 1871 IN M- 8 Jun 1845  
(734) VANCE, Samuel III B- 1 Feb 1784 VA D- 2 Apr 1823 TN M-20 Oct 1807  
(72) VANCE, Samuel II B- 1749 VA D- 8 Dec 1838 VA M- 8 Jan 1778 VA  
(74) VANCE, Samuel I B-Abt 1716 Ire D-18 Aug 1778 VA M-Abt 1734 VA

(727) PATTON, Mary D B- D-  
(729) ERVIN, Frances P B-10 Jun 1898 AL D-  
(731) HUNTOON, Mary J B- 9 Dec 1861 NH D-22 Jan 1949 KY  
(733) THOMPSON, Susan P B- 5 Oct 1822 KY D- 6 Jun 1915 KY  
(735) BROWN, Elizabeth B- D-  
(73) LAUGHLIN, Margare B- Mar 1756 PA D-16 Nov 1814 VA  
(75) COLVILLE, Sarah B-Abt 1715 Ire D-Abt 1792 VA

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**HENDERSON, Susan A**

**55 West Monroe St**

**Chicago IL 60603**

(7760) CANNON, Robert H B- D-  
(7754) HENDERSON, Arvin T B-23 Feb 1919 KY D- M-21 Dec 1940 IN  
(7730) HENDERSON, Arvin B-16 Jan 1888 KY D- 8 Jul 1954 IN M-3 Jun 1911 KY  
(7875) HENDERSON, John F B- 7 Oct 1864 KY D- 1949 KY M-21 May 1886 KY  
(7877) MILBY, Alexander B-19 Jun 1829 KY D-18 Jun 1917 KY M-10 Dec 1854 KY  
(5268) MILBY, John R B-Abt 1800 NC D-Abt 1835 KY M-17 Mar 1819  
(405 ) VANCE, William B-Abt 1760 VA D- 5 Feb 1831 KY M-15 Dec 1785 KY  
(407 ) VANCE, Alexander B-Abt 1732 VA D-Bef 24 Dec KY  
----- Additional & Double Line(s) -----  
(5270) WILSON, Tarlton B- 4 Sep 1811 NC D-Abt 1889 KY M- 1 Sep 1830 KY  
(405 ) VANCE, William B-Abt 1760 VA D- 5 Feb 1831 KY M-15 Dec 1785 KY  
(407 ) VANCE, Alexander B-Abt 1732 VA D-Bef 24 Dec KY

(7759) HENDERSON, Susan B-21 Mar 1945 IN D-  
(7752) PECKINPAUGH, Juli B- 6 Dec 1918 KY D-  
(7715) WADE, Valerya C B-10 Aug 1887 KY D- May 1954 IN  
(7876) MILBY, Hellen E B-10 Aug 1868 KY D-11 Feb 1944 KY  
(7878) WILSON, Martha A B-10 Jun 1831 D-20 Oct 1870 KY  
(5259) VANCE, Nancy A B- 3 Jan 1803 KY D-20 Jan 1884 KY  
(406 ) WOOLDRIDGE, Franc B-Abt 1764 VA D-Aft 1831  
(408 ) UNK, B- 1743 D-  
(5263) VANCE, Charlotte B-15 Mar 1811 KY D- Mar 1889 KY  
(406 ) WOOLDRIDGE, Franc B-Abt 1764 VA D-Aft 1831  
(408 ) UNK, B- 1743 D-

**HUSS, Ella V**

**1274 Independence Circle**

**New Philadelphia OH 44663**

(2323) HUSS, Harry B- 1912 PA D- M- 1944 OH  
(2324) REED, Ernest B- 1887 OH D- 1978 OH M- 1913  
(2325) LAW, John Q B- 1846 OH D- 1927 OH M- 1877  
(2051) SCOTT, Jusiah B- 1813 PA D- 1891 PA  
(575 ) VANCE, William HON B-30 Nov 1775 PA D-18 Apr 1856 PA M-24 Dec 1797  
(578 ) VANCE, Joseph Col B- 1750 VA D- 6 May 1832 PA  
(579 ) VANCE, William Maj B-Abt 1718 Ire D- 1788 PA M- 1749 VA  
(1246) VANCE, David Sr B- D-  
----- Additional & Double Line(s) -----  
(2169) VANCE, David Jr B- 1721 Ire D- 1768 VA  
(1246) VANCE, David Sr B- D-

(2049) REED, Ella B- 1920 OH D-  
(2050) LAW, Lena B- 1888 OH D- 1963 OH  
(2048) SCOTT, Ella B- 1848 OH D- 1925 OH  
(2052) VANCE, Rachel B- 1816 PA D- 1880 PA  
(576 ) PATTERSON, Rachel B- 3 Jun 1778 PA D- 9 Jan 1817 PA  
(1464) VANCE, Ann B- 1751 VA D-17 Apr 1788 PA  
(1511) GILKESON, Mary C B- D-Aft 1788  
(6884) UNK, Sarah B- D-  
(2170) UNK, Janet B- D-  
(6884) UNK, Sarah B- D-

**HUSS, William R**

**10 Carter Drive**

**Chelmsford MA 01824**

(2047) HUSS, William R B- 1953 MD D-  
(2323) HUSS, Harry B- 1912 PA D- M- 1944 OH  
(2324) REED, Ernest B- 1887 OH D- 1978 OH M- 1913  
(2325) LAW, John Q B- 1846 OH D- 1927 OH M- 1877  
(2051) SCOTT, Jusiah B- 1813 PA D- 1891 PA  
(575 ) VANCE, William HON B-30 Nov 1775 PA D-18 Apr 1856 PA M-24 Dec 1797  
(578 ) VANCE, Joseph Col B- 1750 VA D- 6 May 1832 PA  
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(1511) GILKESON, Mary C B- D-Aft 1788  
(6884) UNK, Sarah B- D-  
(2170) UNK, Janet B- D-  
(6884) UNK, Sarah B- D-

**MARTIN, Brenda**

**P O B 92**

**Lake MS 39092**

(1028) MARTIN, Unk B- D-  
(1229) VANCE, Dewey F B- D-  
(1232) VANCE, Ruben T B- D-  
(354 ) VANCE, William J B-14 Mar 1856 MS D- 1924 MS M-25 Jan 1879  
(3418) VANCE, David B- 9 May 1825 Ire D-17 Oct 1911 MS M- Mar 1850 MS  
(3416) VANCE, James B-Abt 1795 Ire D- M-Abt 1817 Ire  
----- Additional & Double Line(s) -----  
(3508) VANCE, Thomas F B- Ire D- MS

(1230) VANCE, Brenda K B- D-  
(1231) BOYLES, Rachel M B- D-  
(1233) MABRY, Ludie H B-27 Apr 1889 MS D- 4 Jan 1975 MS  
(355 ) MASSINGALE, Eliza B- 1860 D- 1946  
(3419) VANCE, Margaret B- 7 Sep 1832 Ire D- 6 Jan 1925 MS  
(3417) MCCANNON, Ann B-Abt 1795 Ire D-  
(3509) UNK, Margaret B-Abt 1796 Ire D-

**NEWSOM, Camille C**

**128 Ashley**

**Rayville LA 71269**

(8101) NEWSOM, Kenneth E B- 8 Dec 1935 LA D- M-27 Nov 1959 LA  
(8102) CLARK, Albert C Jr B- D-  
(7638) TAYLOR, James E B- 1 Oct 1873 MS D-26 Oct 1937 MS M-22 Mar 1899  
(7635) VANCE, William J B-17 Oct 1846 MS D- 9 Jan 1907 MS M-27 Feb 1877  
(7633) VANCE, Adam B B-21 Jul 1821 SC D-13 Feb 1889 MS M- 8 Jan 1846  
(1297) VANCE, William B- 1786 SC D- 1844 MS  
(189 ) VANCE, James A Sr B-Abt 1755 D-Aft 1821 SC M-Abt 1779

(8100) CLARK, Margaret C B- 8 Aug 1937 MS D-  
(8099) TAYLOR, Frances A B- 5 Apr 1911 MS D-23 Sep 1985 LA  
(7637) VANCE, Lida B-13 Dec 1877 MS D-13 Dec 1964 LA  
(7636) MOORE, Wealtha B-28 Apr 1848 D-27 Mar 1912 MS  
(7634) FOX, Sarah B-24 Feb 1828 AL D- 5 May 1901 MS  
(1298) MCANULTY, Mary G B- 1784 D- 1863 MS  
(5061) UNK, B- D-

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**PIELICK, Doris**

**722 S State  
#69**

**Davison MI 48423**

|                            |                  |                  |                  |
|----------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| (8012) SCHRADER, William M | B-17 May 1925 MI | D-               | M-20 Aug 1945 MI |
| (8010) BEAMS, Alton        | B-29 Aug 1904 WI | D-29 Aug 1932 MI | M-10 Nov 1924 MI |
| (8007) RUDDOCK, Royal F    | B-19 Mar 1879 MI | D- 5 Nov 1942 MI | M-25 May 1905    |
| (8006) RUDDOCK, Luke       | B- 1844 Can      | D-13 Apr 1882 MI | M-26 May 1873 MI |
| (5956) CLARK, James        | B- 1813 Ire      | D- 1870 Que      | M- 1870 Ire      |
| (5179) VANCE, Oliver       | B-               | D-               | M-14 Apr 1806    |

|                          |                   |                  |
|--------------------------|-------------------|------------------|
| (8011) BEAMS, Doris M    | B-20 Sep 1926 MI  | D-               |
| (8009) RUDDOCK, Margaret | B-26 Feb 1907 MI  | D- 5 Aug 1938 MI |
| (8008) FORTUNE, Edythe I | B-11 Dec 1879     | D-25 Jul 1909    |
| (8005) CLARK, Margaret   | B-24 May 1851 Can | D-25 Nov 1943 MI |
| (5995) VANCE, Jane       | B- 5 Oct 1812 Dro | D-17 Apr 1899 MI |
| (6097) STUART, Martha    | B-                | D-               |

**REEVES, Barbara Louise**

**10110 Black Iron Road**

**Louisville KY 40291 4032**

|                         |                  |                  |               |
|-------------------------|------------------|------------------|---------------|
| (7974) REEVES, Aubrey C | B- 8 Oct 1942    | D-               | M-15 Jun 1963 |
| (7975) SIMMONS, Ewell C | B-18 Nov 1917 KY | D-15 Oct 1983 AZ | M- 3 Sep 1943 |
| (7977) SIMMONS, John H  | B-11 Dec 1890 KY | D-22 May 1971 KY | M-31 Dec 1912 |
| (7979) VANCE, George M  | B- 1 Sep 1944 KY | D- 3 Jan 1944 KY | M-20 Feb 1887 |
| (7981) VANCE, Martin S  | B-11 Jun 1818    | D-Abt 1890       | M-31 Dec 1855 |
| (7983) VANCE, Martin    | B-Abt 1785       | D-Abt 1819       |               |

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| (7973) SIMMONS, Barbara | B- 2 Aug 1945 KY | D-               |
| (7976) HARLOW, Myrtle M | B- 4 Aug 1926 KY | D-15 Apr 1988 AL |
| (7978) VANCE, Minnie M  | B-31 Oct 1894 KY | D-19 Jun 1975 KY |
| (7980) WEBB, Serena     | B- 1 Jan 1869 KY | D-26 Dec 1928 KY |
| (7982) ARTERBURN, Nancy | B-22 Apr 1831    | D-25 Jan 1910    |
| (7984) WHITE, Martha    | B-18 Jun 1779 KY | D-               |

**VANCE, B Wayne**

**1203 Essex Manor Ct**

**Alexandria VA 22308 1000**

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| (6992) VANCE, Bernard W                 | B-31 May 1947 MS  | D-               | M- 6 Jul 1986 VA |
| (6990) VANCE, Jack B                    | B- 6 May 1923 MS  | D-               | M-15 Aug 1941 MS |
| (6988) VANCE, John P                    | B-18 Jan 1893 MS  | D-13 Oct 1972 MS | M- 1918 MS       |
| (3770) VANCE, David F                   | B-27 Nov 1859 MS  | D- 3 Apr 1944 MS | M-13 Jan 1892 MS |
| (3418) VANCE, David                     | B- 9 May 1825 Ire | D-17 Oct 1911 MS | M- Mar 1850 MS   |
| (3416) VANCE, James                     | B-Abt 1795 Ire    | D-               | M-Abt 1817 Ire   |
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| (7341) EZELL, James T                   | B- 4 Jan 1885 MS  | D-29 May 1967 MS | M- 8 Dec 1905 MS |
| (3508) VANCE, Thomas F                  | B- 1870 Ire       | D- MS            |                  |

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| (6993) KUNTZ, Beth                      | B-29 Jul 1953 IL  | D-               |
| (6991) EZELL, Marjorie O                | B-13 May 1923 MS  | D-               |
| (6989) MEADOR, Maudie O                 | B-17 May 1896 MS  | D- 6 May 1981 MS |
| (3783) RUTLEDGE, Aquila                 | B-27 Jan 1870 MS  | D-29 Aug 1945 MS |
| (3419) VANCE, Margaret                  | B- 7 Sep 1832 Ire | D- 6 Jan 1925 MS |
| (3417) MCCANNON, Ann                    | B-Abt 1795 Ire    | D-               |
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| (7342) STAMPER, Mary R                  | B- 7 Feb 1886 MS  | D-10 Jun 1941 MS |
| (3509) UNK, Margaret                    | B-Abt 1796 Ire    | D-               |

**VANCE, Carlton V**

**7300 Fountain Bleu Rd**

**Ocean Springs MS 39564**

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| (350 ) VANCE, Carlton V                 | B-10 Jun 1918     | D-               | M-15 Jul 1948  |
| (352 ) VANCE, William D                 | B- 1885 MS        | D- 1934          | M- 1906        |
| (354 ) VANCE, William J                 | B-14 Mar 1856 MS  | D- 1924 MS       | M-25 Jan 1879  |
| (3418) VANCE, David                     | B- 9 May 1825 Ire | D-17 Oct 1911 MS | M- Mar 1850 MS |
| (3416) VANCE, James                     | B-Abt 1795 Ire    | D-               | M-Abt 1817 Ire |
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| (3508) VANCE, Thomas F                  | B- 1870 Ire       | D- MS            |                |

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| (351 ) SMITH, Mallie M                  | B- 3 Dec 1923     | D-               |
| (353 ) GARDNER, Eva                     | B- 1887           | D- 1926          |
| (355 ) MASSINGALE, Eliza                | B- 1860           | D- 1946          |
| (3419) VANCE, Margaret                  | B- 7 Sep 1832 Ire | D- 6 Jan 1925 MS |
| (3417) MCCANNON, Ann                    | B-Abt 1795 Ire    | D-               |
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| (3509) UNK, Margaret                    | B-Abt 1796 Ire    | D-               |

**VANCE, Joe Marzene**

**33 Simmons Drive**

**Morton MS 39117**

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| (6564) VANCE, Joe M                     | B-26 Jan 1958 MS  | D-               | M-11 May 1985  |
| (6562) VANCE, Marzene C                 | B-29 Sep 1936 MS  | D-               |                |
| (6560) VANCE, Robert T                  | B-23 Mar 1912 MS  | D-26 Feb 1959 MS |                |
| (1232) VANCE, Ruben T                   | B-                | D-               |                |
| (354 ) VANCE, William J                 | B-14 Mar 1856 MS  | D- 1924 MS       | M-25 Jan 1879  |
| (3418) VANCE, David                     | B- 9 May 1825 Ire | D-17 Oct 1911 MS | M- Mar 1850 MS |
| (3416) VANCE, James                     | B-Abt 1795 Ire    | D-               | M-Abt 1817 Ire |
| ----- Additional & Double Line(s) ----- |                   |                  |                |
| (3508) VANCE, Thomas F                  | B- 1870 Ire       | D- MS            |                |

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| (6565) MATHIS, Dorothy L                | B- 1 Dec 1958 VA  | D-               |
| (6563) SMITH, Marguerite                | B-11 Nov 1935 MS  | D-               |
| (6561) CLARK, Adelia R                  | B-20 Jul 1910     | D-               |
| (1233) MABRY, Ludie H                   | B-27 Apr 1889 MS  | D- 4 Jan 1975 MS |
| (355 ) MASSINGALE, Eliza                | B- 1860           | D- 1946          |
| (3419) VANCE, Margaret                  | B- 7 Sep 1832 Ire | D- 6 Jan 1925 MS |
| (3417) MCCANNON, Ann                    | B-Abt 1795 Ire    | D-               |
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| (3509) UNK, Margaret                    | B-Abt 1796 Ire    | D-               |

**VANCE, Ledcreigh Stuart**

**142 Manresa Drive**

**Aptos CA 95003**

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| (8027) VANCE, Ledcreigh S | B-12 Aug 1963 AL | D-               | M- 7 Feb 1959    |
| (726 ) VANCE, Samuel L    | B-18 Mar 1936 KY | D-               | M-18 Apr 1931    |
| (728 ) VANCE, Ledcreigh S | B- 7 Jan 1899 KY | D- 6 Oct 1962 KY | M- 8 Apr 1885    |
| (730 ) VANCE, Samuel M    | B-24 May 1854 TN | D- 9 Dec 1915 KY | M- 8 Jun 1845    |
| (732 ) VANCE, Morgan B    | B- 1813 KY       | D- 8 Jun 1871 IN | M-20 Oct 1807    |
| (734 ) VANCE, Samuel III  | B- 1 Feb 1784 VA | D- 2 Apr 1823 TN | M- 8 Jan 1778 VA |
| (72 ) VANCE, Samuel II    | B- 1749 VA       | D- 8 Dec 1838 VA | M-Abt 1734 VA    |
| (74 ) VANCE, Samuel I     | B-Abt 1716 Ire   | D-18 Aug 1778 VA |                  |

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| (727 ) PATTON, Mary D    | B-               | D-               |
| (729 ) ERVIN, Frances P  | B-10 Jun 1898 AL | D-               |
| (731 ) HUNTOON, Mary J   | B- 9 Dec 1861 NH | D-22 Jan 1949 KY |
| (733 ) THOMPSON, Susan P | B- 5 Oct 1822 KY | D- 6 Jun 1915 KY |
| (735 ) BROWN, Elizabeth  | B-               | D-               |
| (73 ) LAUGHLIN, Margare  | B- Mar 1756 PA   | D-16 Nov 1814 VA |
| (75 ) COLVILLE, Sarah    | B-Abt 1715 Ire   | D-Aft 1792 VA    |

**WILLIAMS, Betty**

**Rt 3 Box 72**

**Tazewell VA 24651**

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| (783 ) WILLIAMS, Doyle W | B-27 Feb 1930 VA | D-28 Nov 1986 VA | M- 9 Oct 1954 VA |
| (785 ) VANCE, Jesse A    | B-29 Oct 1906 VA | D-20 Jan 1979 VA | M-29 Nov 1926 VA |
| (787 ) VANCE, Elijah     | B-28 Mar 1842 VA | D- 3 Feb 1929 VA | M-18 Nov 1902 VA |
| (789 ) VANCE, Elijah Esq | B- 1803 VA       | D-25 Feb 1875 VA | M-Abt 1826       |

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| (784 ) VANCE, Betty    | B- 4 Dec 1934 VA | D-               |
| (786 ) HASH, Daisey I  | B-30 Jul 1910 VA | D-27 May 1978 VA |
| (788 ) BEAVERS, Mary J | B-19 Jul 1877 MD | D-17 Aug 1935 VA |
| (790 ) MATNEY, Leucy J | B- 1807 VA       | D-Aft 1880 VA    |

# Queries

Loudoun County Virginia Marriage Bonds 1762-1850 lists the marriage of: **Hannah Vance**, Widow to **William Floyd**. 5 October 1790. Sec: by **William Grimes, James and Margaret Watkins**, parents of the girl. Who was the former husband of **Hannah**? Did **Hannah** and her former husband have children? Any assistance on this query greatly appreciated.

**Grace Dotson, 973 Forest Drive, Harlem, GA 30814.**

Was there a **Governor Vance**? History or fable from some old letters has that when North and South Carolina were divided a Governor named **Salsbury or Salisbury** was appointed by the King. Following that appointment the King appointed 'Mr. Vance.' Later a grandson of **Salsbury** married a daughter of **Governor Vance**. Research uncovers no record of a **Salsbury or Vance** as an early Colonial Governor. My specific search is centered on **Susan Vance Salisbury**, b 1700's VA, died GA, married ca 1735 to **John Ray**. If you have any information on either **Governor Vance** or **Susan Vance Salisbury** please contact:

**Patsy Chappellear, 9714 S Rice Ave., Houston, TX 77096-4138.**

**Internet - PatnJohn@netropolis.net**

Seeking the parents of **Kinson McVeigh Vance** b 1840, served in the Civil War in the 6th Mississippi Regiment. He supposedly married **Clementine Dunn** and settled in Copiah Co., MS. They had seven children: **Orlando, Carrie, Carl, Nitre, Leon(Lawney), Robert and Lena**. Some prior family members believed **Kinson's** father was the **Robert Vance** who married **Caroline Day**. Please contact one or both of the following if you have any information on **Kinson** or his family:

**Virginia Vance Ward, 405 Cassandra Road, Madison N.C. 27025**

**Jacqueline Rinehart, 4418 Price Avenue, Tampa FL. 33611-3341**

Need a marriage license or other proof of marriage for **Robert W. Vance and Elizabeth Burch**. There is a history sketch on Marion County Mississippi stating they were married March 18, 1858. This may indicate they were married in Marion County. We have searched extensively without any results so any type of help appreciated. I am willing to order film or other documents to assist in my proof.

**Elizabeth Heal, 4713 Rimrock Road, Billings MT 59106**

Missing parents for **Janet Vance**, b Canada or Scotland, d abt 1902 Astoria, Oregon. Married **John Bryce**, b 1832 Scotland, d 1916, Portland, Oregon.

**H. Joseph Ferguson, 1061 Chandlers Road, Lake Oswego, OR 97034.**

Who were the parents of **William Calvin Vance**? His place of birth possibly is Spartanburg, SC abt 1840. He graduated from the Citadel in 1861 and was a Captain in the Civil War. He moved to Northwest Louisiana after the war and married his cousin, **Nina Vance**. They acquired several large plantations. Also, would appreciate any information on the five **Vance** brothers believed born in Orangeburg County, SC in the 1820's, **William, Nathaniel, Washington, Harrison and Calvin**.

**Dole Jennings, 194 Vance Road, Benton, LA 71006**

Any type of information regarding possible parents of **Johann Diel Wentz (Handel Vance)** b 1728 Heidleberg, Germany, d 1797 Rockingham Co., VA would be appreciated.

**Barbara L. Reeves, 10110 Black Iron Road, Louisville, KY 40291-4032**

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We need the family group sheets (lists parents and children with birth/death/marriage places and dates) for **Robert and David Vance**, sons of **Samuel and Margaret Laughlin Vance**. Please send copies to: **Kathleen Mason, 4213 East Ridge Drive, Jackson, MS 39211, Compuserve 73663,2300**

Searching for data about allied names to my 'Root' **Vance's**. Have you come across any of the following names for the 1700 to early 1800 period? **Tedrick, Conn, Hatfield, Griffith, Tate, Tilton and Arnett**. Particularly interested in Maryland, Delaware, New Jersey and eastern Pennsylvania. I have most of the data from Fayette County PA. Secondly, does anyone have a set of the minutes for the Mt. Moriah Baptist Church and the Great Bethel Baptist Church of Fayette County, Pennsylvania for the period 1750 through 1840?.

**Bruce Vance, 612 155th Place NE, Bellevue, WA., 98007-4822. Compuserve 70711,2606**

Seeking information on the following **Vances**

**William Franklin Vance**, a slave trader in Natchez, Mississippi. **Mr. Vance** was born in Ireland about 1800. He married an American Indian, Choctaw, with the last name of **Butler**, either in Adams or Hinds County, Mississippi. (abt 1820-1824.) His son, **Samuel Earl Vance**, was born 1825 in Mississippi. According to the information I have, **Samuel Vance** left Mississippi between 1860-1865 after an incident led to the death of a Black slave. He went to Natchitoches, Louisiana where he married **Margaret Ann Lucky**, an American Indian, Choctaw, in 1865. **Samuel Vance's** son, **William Franklin Vance**, was born in 1876 in Natchitoches, Louisiana. He married **Mollie Bertha Nix** in the early 1900's. Any information on these **Vance** family members will be appreciated. I am particularly interested in **Ms. Butler and Margaret Ann Lucky**.

**H. Troy Carter, 13067 Lois Ave., Seminole, FL 34646**

Looking for your California or Texas Connections? Bill Allen came across the following from 'Wills, Orange County, IN.' '**Vance, Jane**. Oct 9, 1883. Probate July 19, 1886. Heirs: **John A. Vance**, now of California; ch. **Mary Payne, Robert A. Vance, Samuel W, Charles L. and Ruth Adeline Braxton: Julia and William Vance**, now in Texas, heirs at law of William Vance.

***Resubmit your queries***

***If you have an unanswered query from prior years, resubmit it.  
We have new members and there is always new data showing up.***

**From 'Virginia in 1740: A Reconstructed Census' by T.L.C.**

**submitted by Bob Hadeen.**

**Vance, David Jr.**, Orange County, **David Sr.**, Orange County 086, Orange County Will Book No. 1, 1735 - 1743; and **David**, Orange County, 085, Orange County Deed Book 3, 1738-1740, and Deed Book 4, 1740-1741. Under the spelling of **Vaunce - David and William** 085, Orange County.



**MINUTES OF THE 1995 GENERAL MEETING OF THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE  
VANCE FAMILY ASSOCIATION, IN NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE JUNE 24, 1995**

Check-in for the meeting was generally on Friday afternoon, June 23, at the Ramada Inn - Airport, where the meeting was held. Many attendees gathered around the VFA table in the hotel lobby and renewed old acquaintances and made new ones. An informal dinner was held in the hotel restaurant that evening, providing additional time for fellowship.

Saturday morning, June 24, following a buffet breakfast of coffee, donuts, and danish pastries, the Business Meeting of the membership was held, in the Gatlinburg Room of the Tennessee Ball Room. Bill Huss, out-going President, introduced himself, opened the meeting, and greeted the members. The records indicated that 53 people were in attendance, the same as at Pittsburgh, two years ago, with about 10 from Ohio and 7 from Texas. This was the first meeting for the majority of the attendees, showing the advantage of moving the meeting location around the country each time, to make it more accessible to other than the "core" group of 15 to 20 faithful members who have made it to every meeting. Sam Vance, out-going Secretary, evaded having to read the minutes of the Pittsburgh meeting, as the minutes had been published in the October 1993 Newsletter. The outgoing Treasurer, Liz Vance Mortensen, was not able to attend the meeting, so Bill gave the Treasurer's Report. Our primary expense is the Newsletter, which costs about a thousand dollars per issue to get out and mailed. The primary income is the yearly membership fee. The treasury balance rises at the beginning of the year, as membership fees come in, then falls over the rest of the year as the Newsletters are published. At the time of the meeting, the balance stood at \$9938.31, so we are in good condition financially. This is about the highest level we have had at the time of the biennial meetings, due in no small part to Bruce Vance's efforts at controlling the Newsletter costs. We have also expanded the auxiliary services available to the members, including back issues of Newsletters, videos, pictures, and pedigree charts, all of which we take a bit of mark-up on to keep the membership fees as low as possible. The Treasurer's Report was approved and accepted.

Bruce Vance then reported that we currently have 315 members on the rolls, and may get up to 350 to 375 by the end of the year. We generally lose 25 to 50 people a year, but get enough new members each year to make up for the loss. It is not surprising that of the Charter Members about sixty percent are still active, as they were highly involved in all the activities. Great advances have been made in the pedigree database with some major "hookups" made, due, to a great extent, to the sibling forms that the members have been sending in. We have about 190 separate Vance lines, 22 of which go to Ireland, about 10 go to Scotland, about 10 go to Germany (usually Wentz or Wance) and the remainder begin in the states. Our new Coat of Arms is all-encompassing, so applies to all Vances regardless of where their root ancestor comes from. As to products, the "Condensed Pedigree", for \$35, provides a book containing the condensed pedigrees of all who have contributed their pedigree to the VFA. The "Cross Reference List" has every Vance in the files, with the name of the member who is researching that line. The "Notes List" contains all manner of additional information, including wills, differences of opinion from members about ancestors, Kathleen's notes about disputes that have been arbitrated and/or settled, census information, etc. Any member can get their own pedigree, by sending Bruce a SASE (self-addressed, stamped envelope) and \$4, and get all the family sheets printed out from the information that has been entered. A disk can also be purchased giving all the descendants of a given root ancestor.

Kathleen Mason, our Historian, then recognized Grace Dotson, one of her Associate Historians, who has done a lot of the typing for her. The other Associate is Virginia Vance Lovett, who has been an avid

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researcher of Vance lines. Mary Norfleet will be coming on board shortly as another Associate. Pat Jannsen has typed up about 200 of the 300 hand-written pages of the abstracts of the Barnbarroch papers now in the Scottish Record office, a monumental undertaking of more than two years. One of the gems that has come from the abstracts is that Sir Patrick Vans had two sons named John, one a "natural son" (bastard) and the other Sir John. The "natural son" is probably the father of Reverend John, of Ireland, a link that previously could not be made. Kathleen also discussed her correspondence with Vans Dobie, from New Zealand, whom the 1994 Tour barely missed seeing at Barnbarroch. Her grandmother was Mary Vans Agnew, sister of Sir John Vans Agnew, whose spouse Ada, died in the fire at Barnbarroch in 1941. She also discussed her correspondence with the Castle Howard library and archives about obtaining copies of documents concerning the incorporation, by marriage, of the properties of the Lords of Gillesland (Vaux line) into that of the Howards. This correspondence came about largely through the efforts of Irene Van Royen, who had been allowed to do research in the library and archives. Finally, she discussed the artistic efforts of Betty Silfies in getting the new Coat of Arms prepared, as well as her painting of Dirleton Castle, which Kathleen displayed at the meeting.

Sam Vance talked about the 1994 Tour to Scotland and Les Baux, but very briefly, as a very detailed trip report has already been published in the Newsletter. We are still trying to get a copy of the book The Correspondence of Sir Patrick Vaus, which Cissy Vance had shown to the 1994 Tour group, so that copies could be made here in the states for sale to interested members. (Since such a reprinting requires disassembly of the original copy, we cannot ask any private owner to submit their copy to such an action.) We still have inquiries out to a number of rare book sellers, both in Scotland and here in the States. We also have had no luck in finding a copy of the video made early last summer of Carscreugh Castle and its relationship to Scott's book The Bride of Lammermuir, the basis for Donizetti's opera "Lucia di Lammermoor". The owner of Carscreugh farm had mentioned the video to Sam when the Tour group visited the ruins, and said that his wife had been interviewed as part of the video. Sam had no response from the farm owner when he later wrote for information, nor did any TV station or producer in Scotland own up to any knowledge of the program. He then wrote a letter to the magazine Scottish World asking if any readers had knowledge of the show. The new Director of the Barnbarroch Trust, Mari Farr, provided the only response. She visited the farm, at Sam's request, and got a very chilly reception from the owner's wife, who apparently had been set upon by numerous people who had read Sam's letter in the magazine. The wife did tell Mari that the video, as broadcast, lasted only a few seconds, and consisted of her (the wife) saying that "the entire history of Carscreugh Castle is in five books in the Wigton library, so go look it up". Sam has therefore given up any effort on that matter. The five books she referred to may well be the five volume set of P. H. M'Kerlie's book History of the Lands and Their owners in Galloway, just republished in 1994, a copy of which Sam brought to the meeting. Sam's son, Stuart, visited the Kirkinner Church a couple of years ago and worked with the Beadle of the church to clean up around the Vans Agnew crypt, which was badly in need of repairs. Sam reported on this at the Pittsburgh meeting, and was authorized to check into getting repairs made, particularly to the hinges of the crypt door. Although Cissy agreed to get one of her sons to look into the matter, nothing had been done when the 1994 Tour went through the area. The stone work of the crypt is deteriorating also, and the area inside the crypt is completely grown up with saplings and underbrush. We need to explore other ways of helping to maintain this historic structure. As to the Barnbarroch Trust, a completely new organization has taken over, and the Alex Lothian connection has been completely severed. Sam has not yet heard back from Alec Vans about whether he approves of the new group, so cannot recommend at this time that the VFA members sign up.

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Bruce Vance reported that \$4500 worth of the Vance tartan materials had been ordered, and delivery is expected soon. Through the efforts of Mark Vance, the design has been accepted and registered with the Scottish Tartan Registry office, and can be ordered in the future through a number of Scottish woolen mills. Orders will be coming in COD for the delivery charges, and with import duty applied, so someone must be at the house to receive and pay for it. If the purchaser is not expected to be available, they should get with Bruce to make alternate arrangements. The VFA is now out of the tartan business, although it may be possible to order in the future through Mark or directly from the mill.

No other old business was brought up, so Bill asked for recommendations or comments about activities for the new officers to consider. Another Tour was discussed, possibly to include Ireland, and maybe Normandy. Concern was expressed about Northern Ireland, even though the recent "peace treaty" was agreed to by the IRA. Several people commented that Ireland was a very worthwhile place to visit, but only if appropriate local guides are provided, both for safety considerations and for finding the sites of interest. It was generally agreed that 1998 would be the time frame for the next Tour. Locations for the next biennial meeting were discussed, including Salt Lake City, San Antonio, Cincinnati or Columbus, Ohio, or possibly Winchester or Staunton, Virginia. Winchester was also suggested as a regional or research meeting site. Salt Lake City was suggested only because of the Mormon research facilities, while the other areas have definite Vance connections. Final selection of the meeting location will be made by the Executive Committee.

Kathleen Mason then gave a short dissertation on Andrew Jackson and the confusion over his birth date, birth place, age at the time of election to the presidency, and his connection to the Vances. Mrs. Macpherson, the speaker at the dinner meeting that evening, at the Hermitage, had informed Sam Vance that she was not going to touch the subject as we already knew more about the Vance/Jackson connection than she did. Kathleen now believes that there were two Andrew Jacksons, one who became the President, the other a "very rough and tumble" surveyor in Kentucky. The Draper Manuscript apparently initiated much of the confusion by attributing stories about the surveyor Jackson, attested to by Simon Kenton, to the early life of the President. The real culprit in the false stories really was a man named Buell, who wrote lots of articles about Jackson and others that were pure figments of his imagination, but were never challenged. The editor and director of the Papers of Andrew Jackson project, Dr. Moser, of the University of Tennessee, at Knoxville, agrees that there were two Jacksons, and that the Draper stories, and most works that were based on them or on Buell, should not be considered to be about the President or to be true. The story about Jackson inheriting money at the age of 16, and promptly squandering it all on clothes, drink, and gambling, is most likely a pure fabrication based on a simple comment in the William McCully document about then General Jackson's ancestors and family in Ireland. We should place more faith in Balbirnie's version of the Vance/Jackson connection than anything else. Interestingly, there is a property deed somewhere in Nashville that Jackson gave that was witnessed by a John Vance, whose identity is, as yet, unknown. This was mentioned somewhere in the past Newsletters.

Bill Huss asked Maurice Vance, who had tallied the votes, to announce the results of the election for the officers for the next two years:

President - Bruce Vance, of Bellevue, WA  
Vice President - Sam Vance, of Huntsville, AL  
Secretary - Robert F. Vance, of Louisville, KY  
Treasurer - Waid Vance, of Westerville, OH

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Kathleen Mason will continue as Historian, with the help of her Associates, and Bill Huss will serve in an ex-officio capacity. The new officers then each stood and gave a brief sketch of their backgrounds.

Vance Voss Smith reminded the members that 1995 was the tenth anniversary of the founding of the VFA. Bobby Vance made the suggestion that a book of Vance poetry be worked up, and was promptly nominated to lead the effort.

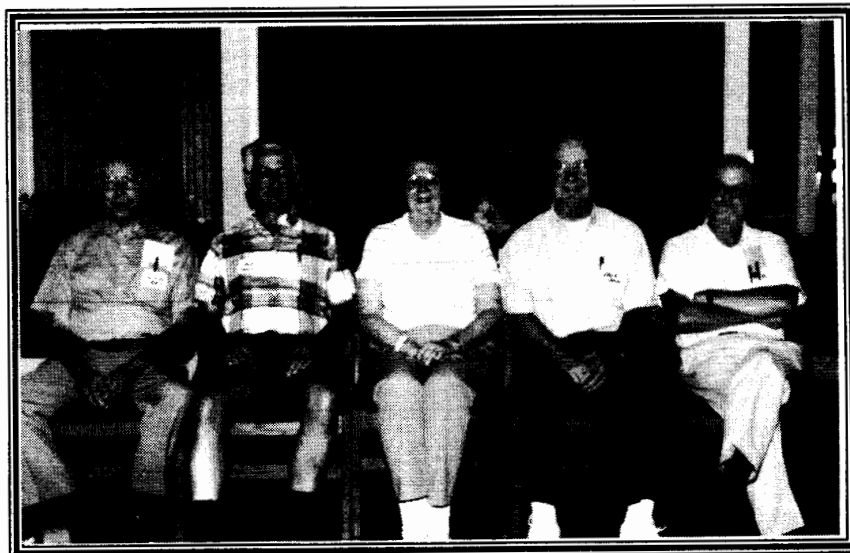
The meeting was adjourned. That afternoon, we boarded a tour bus for a sightseeing tour of the Opryland area and downtown Nashville. A visit was made to the Tennessee State Library and Archives, where we were given a short talk on the extensive genealogical and historical holdings there and how to access them. There was no time available for research. We then toured the Hermitage, the restored home of President Andrew Jackson just East of Nashville. We then had dinner at Rachel's Garden Cafe, in the visitors' center, and heard a fascinating talk by Sharon Macpherson, Deputy Director for Research at the Hermitage, about the research activities and details that were considered in making the restoration of the Hermitage as historically accurate as possible.

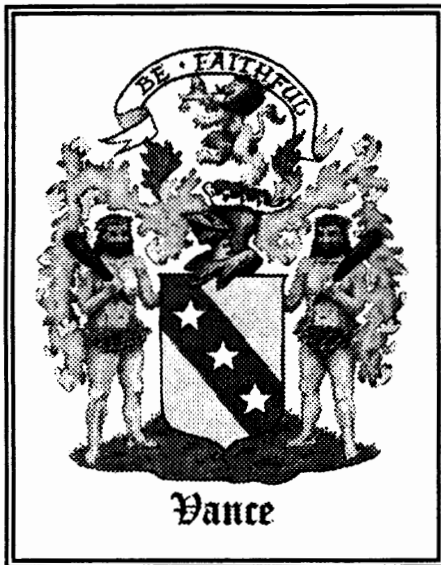
Samuel L. Vance, Out-going Secretary  
Robert F. Vance, Incoming Secretary

PS: Never saw Elvis! He must have stayed in Memphis!

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*1995 - 1997 Officers and Historian, from left to right:  
Waid Vance, Robert Vance, Kathleen Mason, Bruce Vance, Sam Vance*





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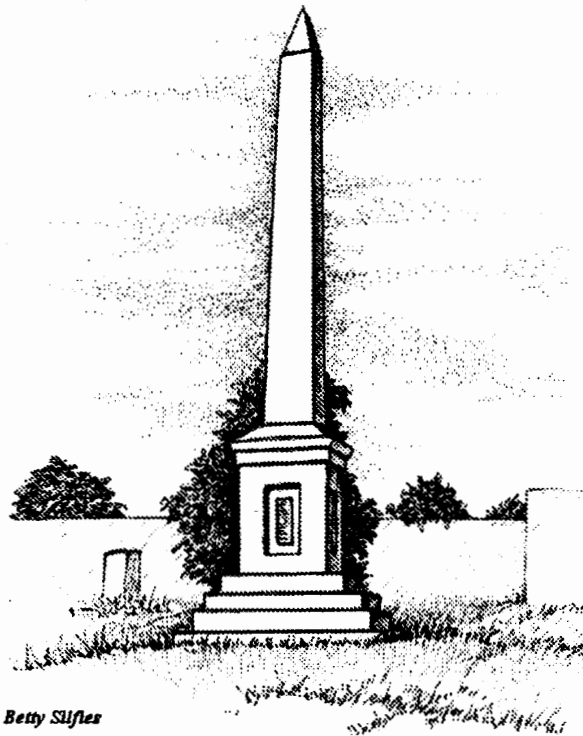
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***Memorial Obelisk  
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Invitation to Join

## The Vance Family Association



**GOAL:** To research and record the origins of the Vance Family.

**PURPOSE:** Collect literary, historical, and genealogical records and relics relating to the Vance families. To preserve this collection in an established Vance Family archive.

THE VFA is non-profit, non-political, non-discriminatory and non-sectarian. Members receive quarterly newsletters which include articles by the Association Historian, selected summarized pedigrees, queries and research items of interest from other members.

New members are encouraged to submit pedigree charts of their Vance lines. The VFA will provide pedigree sheets and assistance in completion.

National biannual conferences meetings are held to elect officers, conduct necessary business and allow members to meet in person.

**ORGANIZED:** August of 1984

You are cordially invited to join the VANCE FAMILY ASSOCIATION. The growth of the VFA is dependent on member participation, so we sincerely hope you will consider joining us in this endeavor to share research information and to promote the proud heritage of our Vance name.

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## President-Editor's Message

**Happy New Year.** If the research material in this issue is any barometer, we are in for a great 1996. The Historian and her Associates have established an environment that is resulting in exceptional material and the members who submit articles are creating first class work. I am glad to be along for the ride.

**It is renewal season.** Thanks to those members who are sponsoring various libraries, historical and genealogical societies for 1996. One member wrote that she donates her newsletter to the local genealogical society after she is done with it. This is a good idea, we encourage more members follow this lead. Another note of appreciation to those donating extra money when renewing. This helps us support the unfunded genealogical functions and maintain our position as a leading family association. Last but not least, I personally appreciate those renewing on time, it saves me a lot of time.

From the renewals there were almost 40 members interested in the Virginia get together, 17 each for Salt Lake City and Brandon. Take a look at the enclosed flyer for more information on these events. Quintin Vance has quite an assortment of activities planned for those coming to southwest Virginia.

**Database.** We continue to work on filling out the early Vance families but is slow, tedious work. I have a couple of early families in my in-basket waiting for action, so that is part of the early missing Vances. I was looking closely at my own line and noted that there was a lot of English influence in and around my root Vances. It then occurred to me that we don't have any lines recorded going to Europe except to Scotland/Ireland and Germany. The names might be a variation of Vance such as Vans, Vaux but they are relevant lines. This also made me wonder why we don't have a summary of the early Vances from the passenger lists. I should probably start working on my in-basket and stop wondering.

**Software.** The latest hot item in genealogical software are the 'Mapper' programs. You input descriptions from land deeds and it will draw the outline of the land, calculate acreage and give you other pertinent facts. The better programs allow you to attach neighboring pieces of land, name neighbors and name significant points. I found a shareware version of a simple mapper program and tried it out with a complicated deed from early Fayette Co., PA. I fed it 18 measurements and it came up with a nice drawing and calculation of total acreage that was within .01 acres of the original. Impressive! If you want a copy of this program, write to: Russ Holsclaw, 7472 Mt. Sherman Rd., Longmont, CO. 80503 or send me a blank disk (3 1/2), disk mailer and postage. It has the instructions and a sample.

Several Brothers Keeper users contacted me about not having the ability to abstract their data in GEDCOM format. I searched the genealogical section of Compuserve and found a utility that will do the job. If anyone else is having this type of problem, let me know.

**Other.** Sometimes I am mistakenly given credit for the Frederick County Abstracts (see order page), please let me pass all the credit along to our VFA member John Davis. It is a impressive piece of work.

Mark Vance has about 10 Tartan Ties in the new modern Vance colors available for \$15.00 each. Mark is also the source for any future Tartan orders. He can be reached at: 1401 15th St, Anacortes, WA 98221

**Get Well.** Two of our esteemed founders are a bit under the weather. We want to send a VFA 'get well' from all of us to Vance Voss Smith and Marilyn Muller.

Enuff, go find an ancestor and plant a tree!  
*Bruce*



**Patrick Alexander Vans Agnew, B.C.S.**

1823-1848

**By Kathleen Mason**

*Prefatory Remarks: While on the 1990 Vance Trip in England and Scotland, prior to the arrival of the other members, I had been invited by author Donna Brewster to come to her home in Wigtown, Scotland for an interview. After an interesting interview concerning the Vaus/Vans family, she told me that John Clarke, a local bookstore owner, wanted to meet me, as he had information he thought I would be interested in. After the interview, I visited Mr. Clarke. He had an article in an old magazine The Gallovidian. This is a six page comprehensive article giving the background of Patrick Alexander Vans Agnew's heritage - the subject of this article.*

The Vanses are one of the oldest families in Galloway. The name, in a slightly different form was among the first to appear in England after the Norman Conquest. One of the family name came to Scotland with David I., and when Malcolm succeeded to the throne in 1153 they held land in the borders, and soon after the Barony of Dirleton in East Lothian. One of the Dirleton line settled in Galloway, and obtained Barnbarroch in 1384, and the family has continued in the male line in unbroken descent in possession of Barnbarroch until the present day. A Vans was Bishop of Galloway about 1426. In the time of Sir Patrick Vans, from 1540 to 1597, the family was the first in the county of Wigtown in point of influence, if not also in possessions. His name is the first in the records as representative of his native county in Parliament in 1593-4; as a descendant, Colonel Patrick Vans was the first M.P. for Wigtownshire after the Union, and afterwards sat for the Wigtown burghs. In the 16th century the family held land in every parish in the 'Machers' except for Kirkcowan. The family intermarried with several houses of the leading Scottish nobility. Later, about 1747, by marriage they acquired the Scheuchan estates and took the name of Agnew in addition to Vans. This is the background of Patrick Alexander Vans Agnew [1823-1848].

Patrick Alexander Vans Agnew was born at Nagpore, Central India, in 1823. He was the second son of Colonel Patrick Vans Agnew, C.B., who, after considerable service in India, was a director of the old East India Company and "laird" of Barnbarroch. From 1830 to 1840, through Colonel Vans Agnew's influence many Gallovidians obtained good appointments in India. Patrick Alexander was sent home at four years of age, and educated at Barnbarroch until about his eleventh year under a private tutor, the Rev. Mr. Sommerville, a licentiate of the Church of Scotland. Afterwards he was placed at a private school at Finchley, from whence he passed on to Haileybury College, where he distinguished himself for receiving at least eight prizes in his final examinations.

Young Vans Agnew went to India in 1840 and was killed at Multan on 20th April 1848. He was the brother of Robert Vans Agnew who had the letters of Sir Patrick Vans [Wauss] published. He was first with General Low at Lucknow, afterwards in Sindh under Sir Charles Napier, but most of his service was under Sir Henry Lawrence and others in the Punjab. He rose to be Deputy-Commissioner of the Cis-Sutley territory, and when he was selected for his last perilous and ill-fated mission, he was, looked upon as one of the most competent and experienced political officers on the frontier. He was well traveled through the whole of the Multan districts, and was a first-rate Oriental scholar. Remarking about his kindness to the natives, Sir Herbert Edwards wrote of him "It would be difficult to say whether poor Vans Agnew was more popular with them or his own countrymen."

After the first Sikh war, the Punjab was placed under a regency of Sikh nobles controlled by a British resident at Lahore. One of them, Dewan Mulraj at Multan, occupied a semi-independent position as a great trader, as well as governor. When called upon to render an account of his



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stewardship, he replied he was tired and heart-sick of the troublesome post, and preferred to resign. His offer was perhaps accepted too abruptly. Mr. Vans Agnew, accompanied by Lieutenant Anderson were deputed to take over the government and fortress and install the new Sikh governor appointed by the resident. Upon Van Agnew's arrival at Multan, the former governor Mulraj, with every show of friendship and fair-dealing, turned over the keys to the fortress to him.

On leaving the fortress with a slender escort, a fanatical native soldier rushed at Mr. Vans Agnew and wounded him on the shoulder. Mr. Vans Agnew was unarmed, but struck the soldier with his walking stick. His companion Lieutenant Anderson was also soon attacked and very severely wounded. The escort carried the wounded officers to the "Idgali" a Mohammedan mosque about a mile from the fort. Vans Agnew's wounds were dressed by a native doctor, while he dictated a letter to the resident two hundred miles away, stating what happened, and requested immediate help. He also communicated with Mulraj, and stated it was imperative that he should call upon him at once, if he wished to be considered innocent in this plot. The next day the guns at the fort of which Mulraj had regained possession, opened fire upon the mosque.

Later there was a trial of Mulraj, and it was noted that Vans Agnew's dictated letter to General Cortland, generously expressed his opinion that Mulraj was not chargeable with the treachery in the first instance. It was brought out that the guns from the fort, under the direction of Mulraj, attacked the mosque. It must have been an appalling sight for the wounded and defenseless inside. All who remained faithful were only eight or ten horsemen out of the military escort of about one thousand, and the office staff. Sirdar Khan Sing implored Mr. Vans Agnew to be allowed to hand out a sheet and ask for mercy. His reply was - "The time for mercy is gone; let none be asked for. They can kill us two if they like, but we are not the last of the English; thousands of Englishmen will come down here when we are gone and annihilate Mulraj and his soldiers and his fortress." The mosque was rushed, and Khan Sing taken prisoner. The faithful servants who stood beside the wounded officers were pushed aside. Vans Agnew was calmly awaiting death on his cot, sitting beside his wounded friend Anderson. They were attacked and had their heads hacked off. General Cortland did indeed reply to Vans Agnew's letter by a special messenger, but it was too late. He too, ran into a battle on the way. A large force was afterwards sent under a British general to resume the siege, and the fortress was captured on 2 January, 1849.

After this the remains of the two officers were reverently borne by the victorious British army, and laid to rest on the lofty plateau that crowned the citadel. The fortress was demolished, and all that remains is an ancient Hindu temple and two Mohammedan shrines.

It has been remarked "*An Englishman in India has no home, and leaves no memory.*" However, in this instance, there is a small marble slab in the "Idgali" marking the room where they died, an obelisk at Multan, and a beautiful marble monument in the Calcutta Cathedral. The epitaph at the Calcutta Monument with the exception of the opening sentence is the same as that on the obelisk at Multan.

*"Not near this stone, nor in any consecrated ground, but on the extreme frontier of the British Indian Empire, lie the remains of Patrick Alexander Vans Agnew, of the Bengal Civil Service, and William Anderson, Lieutenant, 1st Bombay Fusilier Regiment, assistants to the resident at Lahore, who being deputed by the Government to relieve, at his own request, Dewan Mulraj, Viceroy of Multan, of the fortress and authority which he held, were attacked and wounded by the garrison on the 19th April, 1848, and being treacherously deserted by the Sikh escort, were on the following day, in flagrant breach of natural faith and hospitality, barbarously murdered in the 'Ingali' under the walls of Multan.*

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*"Thus fell these two young public servants, at the age of 25 and 28 years full of high hopes, rare talents, and promise of future usefulness - even in their death doing their country honour. Wounded and forsaken, they could offer no resistance, but hand in hand calmly awaited the onset of their assailants.*

*"Nobly they refused to yield, foretelling the day when thousands of Englishmen, should come to avenge their death, and destroy Mulraj, his army and his fortress.*

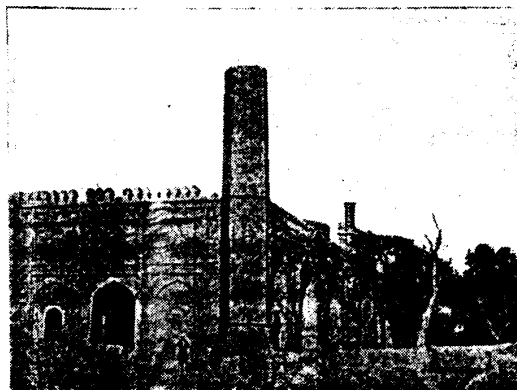
*"History records how this prediction was fulfilled. Borne to the grave by their victorious brother soldiers and countrymen, they were buried with military honours, on the summit of the captured citadel, on the 26th January, 184-*

*"The annexation of the Punjab to the British Empire was the result of the war, of which their assassination was the commencement."*

In the event you should be traveling in India, you may wish to visit the Ingali where Vans Agnew died, or Multan where the large obelisk stands as a monument to the two young men who lost their lives. Should Calcutta be your destination, visit the Calcutta Cathedral and locate the beautiful marble monument there. Many of our members travel all over the world, so - send us a postcard. Photos below are of Barnbarroch, the home Patrick Alexander Vans Agnew left behind, and Ingali, where he lost his life.



Barnbarroch house



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## **UNITED STATES HISTORY**

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### **PREBLE COUNTY, OHIO**

Research of Grace Dotson

Source: Increase in Prices, by Ann Hayden Price Yates and W. Conway Price  
(A Price Family History, published in 1985.)

David R. Price married Catherine Wantz/Vance mentioned on page 215 of The History of Preble County Ohio.

Rebecca Vance/Wentz married Charles Price on 15 March 1804.

Margaret Price, daughter of John Henry Price married Jacob Vance in 1831 and had:  
(1) Jacob (2) Harrison (3) Caroline [Long] (4) Mary Redman (5) Dealine and  
(6) Sarah [Long].

John Thomas Bott, born 1842 at Abingdon, Virginia died 1929 at Appalachia, Virginia, married in Washington County, Virginia, Nancy Catherine Vance (born 1851 Washington County, Virginia. She died 14 August 1895, Texas, buried at Birdville, Texas. She was the daughter of John E. and Elizabeth Haydon/Hayton Vance.

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The Southwest Virginia Folklore Society, Appalachia, Virginia, and the Vance Family Association have both received as a gift from Grace Dotson, VFA Associate Historian, a tape of "Vance Song". This was the poem that Abner Vance wrote, and sung by Preacher Owens and wife, in the old traditional style, otherwise known as Old Regular Baptist Tune. Thanks Grace. The words have been printed in an article about Abner in the newsletter.

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Kentucky Bible Records Update: Virginia Lovett has identified the R. W. Vance, Jr., whose Bible Records are shown in January 1995 Newsletter, page 22. This R. W. Vance (wife Virginia Smith) was the son of Robert W. Vance, whose parents were Samuel Vance and Jane Rannels. Samuel Vance was the son of James Vance #6612 and wife Elizabeth Galss. Study these records carefully. Thank you, Virginia.

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## THE FAMILY OF JOSEPH AND NANCY BRADLEY VANCE

of

Washington County, Virginia - Greene County, Ohio - Morgan and McDonough Counties, Illinois

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*May 1, 1995*

Joseph<sup>1</sup> **Vance**. Born, **10 Feb 1753**. Died, **1 Feb 1838**, in Industry Twp., McDonough Co., IL. Buried: **Feb 1838**, in Liberty Cemetery, McDonough Co., IL. Census: **1820**, in Sugar Creek Twp., Greene Co., OH: p. 142. Census: **1830**, in Morgan Co., IL; p. 90.

Joseph Vance married Nancy **Bradley**, daughter of John **Bradley** and Sarah "Sally" **Lillard**, circa **1782** in Washington Co., VA. Born, **8 Nov 1764**, in Virginia<sup>1</sup>. Died, **14 Feb 1857**, in Morgan Co., IL<sup>2</sup>. Buried: **Feb 1857**, in Arcadia Cemetery, Morgan Co., IL<sup>3</sup>. Census: **8 Oct 1850**, in Oskaloosa Twp., Mahaska Co., IA; p. 219<sup>4</sup>. Census: **1855**, in Morgan Co., IL<sup>5</sup>.

Joseph Vance is believed to have served in the Revolutionary War in 1776. An article was published in the Eddyville, Iowa, newspaper dated Friday, November 9, 1894, concerning a powder horn carried by Joseph Vance in the Revolutionary war and at that time in the possession of Mrs. Homer Rhodes of Little Rock, Arkansas. On it had been painted the Battle of Lexington and the date 1775 as well as the Bunker Hill Monument. The names of Joseph's son, James, War of 1812, and grandson, Zachary Taylor Vance, Civil War, also appeared on the horn. On June 20, 1783, a Joseph Vance received a grant of one hundred acres, #938, for serving three years as a private in the Virginia Continental Line. His service in the Revolutionary War was reported in the Historical Encyclopedia of Illinois Volume II, page 1164, published in 1912. At this time it is believed he served in Colonel Daniel Morgan's regiment under Captain Peter Bryan Bruin.

Joseph Vance married Nancy Bradley, daughter of John and Sarah Lillard Bradley of Washington County, Virginia. According to a biography of John E. Vance, grandson of Joseph and Nancy, Nancy's parents opposed the marriage and the young couple eloped and went to an area near Cincinnati, Ohio, at a time when only two houses were there. Their only furniture was a frying pan and aside from wild game their only provisions were cornmeal and salt.

A Joseph appeared on the tax rolls in 1790-91 in the district north of South Elkhorn, Woodford County, Kentucky. This was near Lexington. On August 17, 1805, a Joseph Vance of Greene County, Commonwealth of Ohio, sold John L. Martin of Bourbon County, Commonwealth of Kentucky, a tract or parcel of land being in the County of Lincoln on the waters of the Hanging Fork and the Green River, containing nine hundred ninety acres. On the 28th of February in 1781 a Preemption Warrant, No. 1162, entered in Lincoln Entrees, Book 1, page 98, was granted on 1000 acres in Lincoln County between the Hanging Fork and Green River, neighbors being Ben. Pettitt and Saml. Briggs. A warrant to survey had been issued to Joseph Vance, assignee of James McPheron, on August 30, 1780, in consideration of the sum of four hundred pounds. This tract was surveyed for Joseph Vance on the 29th of September, the 15th of October, and the 27th of November in 1798. Chain carriers were John Martin, Jr., Wm. Miller, and Shepperd Sminney. Marker and director of the survey was John Martin, Sr. No wife's name appeared on the deed of sale; however, Joseph Vance's son, John, married Nancy Martin.

Joseph C. Vance's records appear to have been intermingled with those of Joseph Vance married to Nancy Bradley in the Greene County history books which indicated a connection between James Clanc and Joseph C. Vance. The following land records revealed the correct connection. On December 30, 180

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Joseph Vance and James Clancy preempted a claim at the Cincinnati Land Office for four hundred four acres in S32, T3, R6, which is located in Sugar Creek Township, Greene County, Ohio. The land lay west of the Little Miami River near the present town of Bellbrook. Payments were made on this property on July 26, 1805, January 28, 1806, and again on July 23, 1807. On February 18, 1812, Joseph Vance and James Clancy received a grant as tenants in common, having proven that they had made full payment. This patent was recorded on September 21, 1815. On September 16, 1815, Joseph and Nancy Vance purchased one hundred eighty-eight and a half acres in S32, T3, R6, from James and Nancy Clancy for \$357.00. Witnesses to this deed were William Snodgrass and James Clancy, Jr. On September 16, 1815, Joseph Vance and his wife sold one hundred seventy-eight and a half acres to James and Nancy Clancy for \$377.00. Witnesses were the same. William Snodgrass was the husband of Joseph and Nancy's first child, Mary. These two transactions created a legal split of the original land purchase although the total acreage seemed to be short by thirty-seven acres. At the time of the 1820 census, Joseph and Nancy were still in residence in Greene County. In Ohio three more children were born to the Vances, and eight of their children were married in Greene County.

After the 1820 census Joseph and Nancy removed to Morgan County, Illinois, where they lived next door to their son, Abraham. Abraham had purchased a total of two hundred forty acres between November 17, 1823, and July 27, 1830. The two 1823 purchases were at that time in Sangamon County in an area which became Morgan County later in that year. This land was located in sections 11, 12, and 14 of T15N. R10W, near Jacksonville.

In 1833 the Jacksonville area was devastated by an outbreak of cholera which claimed the lives of three of the children of Joseph and Nancy: Abraham, Bradley, and Martha. Following this epidemic, over half the population fled the area. It is probable that Joseph and Nancy were among them, going to McDonough County where son, John, was located. John had purchased property there as early as 1835. On February 1, 1838, Joseph Vance died in Industry Township, McDonough County, Illinois, and his son, John was administrator of the estate. The settlement papers for the estate, dated March 19, 1855 listed the following heirs:

|                            |                                                 |
|----------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|
| Nancy Vance, widow         | \$444.38                                        |
| William and Mary Snodgrass | \$88.87                                         |
| William and Sarah Morgan   | \$88.87                                         |
| John Vance                 | \$88.87                                         |
| Joseph Vance, Jr.          | \$88.87                                         |
| James Vance                | \$88.87                                         |
| John and Elizabeth Sturges | \$88.87                                         |
| Daniel Lewis's heirs       | \$88.87                                         |
| Nathan Gest's heirs        | \$88.87                                         |
| Bradley Vance's heirs      | \$88.87                                         |
| Abraham Vance              | His share used for funeral expenses & tombstone |

Joseph Vance was buried in the Liberty Cemetery in McDonough County. Nancy "Banks" was with Sarah, wife of William Morgan, in the 1850 census in Mahaska County, Iowa. This is believed to have been Nancy Vance. By 1855 Nancy was living in Morgan County, Illinois, with her daughter, Elizabeth Sturges and her husband, John.

Nancy Bradley Vance died March 14, 1857, in Morgan County, Illinois, and was buried in the Arcadia Cemetery, Morgan County, Illinois. Her will, transcribed by Bee McWilliams, was as follows:

*Morgan County Illinois November 1853*

*In the name of God Amen*

*I Nancy Vance being in possession of my health and of sound mind do make and ordain this to be*

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*my last Will and Testament renouncing and revoking all others of whatsoever kind or sort. To wit, I will and bequeath to all my children (whose notes I hold) all the notes to the respective makers on this condition that if I call on either of them at any time for a few dollars to assist me they are to give it to me.*

*And I wish it expresly understood that whereas my daughter Mary Snodgrass and her husband having received from the Estate of my husband and whose notes are in the hands of my son John Vance to the amount of two hundred and fifty dollars with some twenty years in trust, there over this is the reason that I pass them by they having received more than the other children.*

*And further I will that my daughter Elizabeth and my son John Vance to have an equal share of my bedclothes and also my daughter Elizabeth to have my bureau and bedstead and bed.*

*Also that my daughters Elizabeth Sturges and Sary Morgan to have an equal share of my wearing apparel. All of which I hearby (....?) subscribe my name in the presence of the subscribing witnesses. Nancy Vance (Seal)*

*Signed and sealed in the presence of*

*J. M. Chapman  
Ralph Morgan*

The children of Joseph and Nancy Bradley Vance were:

- i. **Mary Vance.** Born, **25 Aug 1784**, in Kentucky<sup>6</sup>. Died, **Aug 1854**, in Dubuque Co., IA<sup>7</sup>. She married William (Stuart) **Snodgrass**, son of Robert **Snodgrass** and Sarah **Taylor**, **15 Feb 1802**, in Hamilton Co., NW Territory<sup>8</sup>.
- ii. **Sarah Vance.** Born, **20 Jun 1786**, in Kentucky<sup>9</sup>. Died, **10 Sep 1861**, in Middletown, Flint River Twp., Des Moines Co., IA<sup>10</sup>. Burial: **Sep 1861**, in Old Middletown Cemetery, , Des Moines Co., IA. Census: **8 Oct 1850**, in Oskaloosa Twp., Mahaska Co., IA; p. 219. She married William Stuart **Morgan**<sup>11</sup>, son of John **Morgan** and Marth **Constant**, **29 Jan 1805**, in Greene Co., OH<sup>12</sup>.
- iii. **John Vance.** Born, **14 Jan 1789**, in Kentucky<sup>13</sup>. Died, **1 Dec 1866**, in Eddyville, Wapello Co., IA<sup>14</sup>. Burial: **Dec 1866**, in Highland Cemetery, Eddyville. Mahaska Co., IA<sup>15</sup>. Census: **5 Sep 1850**, in McDonough Co., IL; p. 328. Census: **1860**, in Columbia Twp., Wapello Co., IA; p. 679. He married Nancy **Martin**, daughter of Harry **Martin** and Sarah **Morgan**, **24 Aug 1819**, in Fayette Co., IN<sup>16</sup>.

John Vance served in the War of 1812 in Captain Ammi Maltbie's Company in Indiana. He followed the profession of farmer. John Vance purchased one hundred acres in the SE 1/4 of S3, T13 N, R12 E in Fayette County, Indiana, on October 11, 1811, paying \$2.00 per acre. He made two payments of \$17.00, receipt #16546, and \$63.00, receipt #16603, at the Cincinnati Land Office which together constituted the first installment of the purchase money. On December 25, 1813, he purchased a tract in the NE 1/4 of S32, T14 N, R12 E. Both tracts were in Connersville Township. Prior to 1819 he had a grist mill on Williams Creek, three to four miles below Connersville. on October 24, 1824, John and his wife sold James Vance 106.77 acres described as part of the NE 1/4 of S32, T14, R12, recorded in Book B on page 321. Again in May 1, 1827 they sold Richard Arnold 46.35 acres with the same description recorded in Book C on page 409.

John and his wife, Nancy Martin, came to Blandinsville Township, McDonough County, Illinois, on Christmas Eve, 1826. Their son, James M. Vance, was the first white child born in that township. In January of 1855 the couple bought property in Eddyville, Wapello County, Iowa, and built a ten room, two story brick home.

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John's tombstone at the Highland Cemetery in Eddyville, Mahaska County, Iowa, reads:

*FAREWELL DEAR WIFE AND CHILDREN ALL  
FROM YOU A FATHER CHRIST DOTH CALL  
MOURN NOT FOR ME TISS ALL IN VAIN  
TO CALL ME TO YOUR SIDE AGAIN  
MY COURSE IS RUN, MY DAYS ARE SPENT  
GO HOME MY FRIENDS AND BE CONTENT  
GO HOME DEAR FRIENDS AND DRY YOUR TEARS  
I MUST LIE HERE TILL CHRIST APPEARS*

- iv. Samuel **Vance**<sup>17</sup>. Born, **1790**, in Kentucky<sup>18</sup>. Died, **before 1839**<sup>19</sup>. He married Hannah **White**, **21 Jul 1821**, in Fayette Co., IN<sup>18</sup>.
- v. Joseph **Vance**. Died, **before 1845**. He married Jane **Hoblet**, **31 Jan 1814**, in Greene Co., OH<sup>18</sup>.  
In 1813 S4, T13N, R12E was sold to William Conner, John Thomas, Joseph Vance and Thomas Cully. This property was in Connersville Township, Fayette County, Indiana.
- vi. Martha **Vance**. Born, **6 Nov 1790** (??) in Kentucky<sup>7</sup>. Died, **27 Jul 1833**, in Jacksonville, Morgan Co., IL<sup>20</sup>. Buried: **1833**, in Jacksonville East, Cemetery. Census: **1830**, in Morgan co., IL; p. 90. She married Nathan Howell **Gest**, **21 Nov 1820**, in Greene Co., OH<sup>21</sup>.
- vii. James **Vance**<sup>22</sup>. Born, **11 Feb 1794**, in Kentucky<sup>23</sup>. Died, **30 Aug 1866**, in Harrison Twp., Mahaska Co., IA<sup>24</sup>. Burial: **1866**, in Highland Cemetery, Eddyville, Mahaska Co., IA<sup>25</sup>. Census: **4 Sep 1850**, in Oskaloosa, Mahaska Co., IA; p. 182<sup>26</sup>. Occupation: farmer; jurist. He married, first, Margaret Elizabeth **Ennis**<sup>22</sup>, **9 Jun 1814**, in Greene Co., OH<sup>27</sup>. He married, second, Mary "Polly" **Ennis**, **5 Feb 1832**, in Fayette Co., IN<sup>28</sup>.

James Vance enlisted as a private under General Hull at Bellbrook or Xenia, Ohio, to serve in the infantry in the War of 1812. His second wife, Mary Ennis, applied for a pension on February 22, 1879, based on this service.

James Vance was found in the early land records of Fayette County, Indiana, where in 1814 he owned the SE 1/4 of S4, T 13N, R 12E. He owned a still. Other land transactions of James Vance in Fayette County were as follows:

|               |                                                                                                                        |
|---------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Oct. 23, 1824 | James purchased part of NE1/4, S32, T14, R12 containing 106.77 acres from John Vance and wife; recorded Book B, p. 321 |
| March 4, 1829 | James and his wife sold Alexander Woodyard 30 cres in NW 1/4 of S 34, T15, R13, recorded in Book D, p. 364             |
| Mar. 4, 1829  | James sold thirty acres in NW1/4, S34, T15, R13, to Alexander Woodyard; recorded Book D, p. 364                        |
| Apr. 8, 1831  | James sold William Johnston 6 acres in NE1/4, S32, T14, R12; recorded Book E, p. 144 or 410                            |
| Feb. 4, 1832  | James sold Wm. A. H. Tate 30.15 acres in NE1/4 S32, T14, R12; recorded Book E, p. 568                                  |
| Aug. 19, 1832 | James purchased 60 acres from James Bradshaw in SE and SW 1/4s of S32, T14, R12; recorded Book F, p. 333               |

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|               |                                                                                                     |
|---------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Sept. 9, 1833 | James and wife, Polly, sold James T. Williams lot 8, Connelssville; recorded Book F, p. 374         |
| Aug. 19, 1834 | James purchased from Wm. A.H. Tate, 53 acres in S33, T14, R12; recorded Book G, p. 213              |
| Dec. 2, 1834  | James purchased from Barrister Kirlug pt. of NW and NE 1/4S, S32, T14, R12; recorded Book G, p. 264 |
| Aug. 25, 1835 | James sold William Caldwell 53 acres in NW1/4, S33, T14, R12; recorded Book G, p. 497               |
| June 4, 1839  | James and Polly sold Wm. A. H. Tate 6.78 acres in NW1/4, S32, T14, R12; recorded Book J, p. 385     |
| Nov. 14, 1839 | James and Mary sold Abraham C. Conwell 34 acres in NE1/4, S22, T14, R12; recorded Book K, p. 27     |
| Nov. 14, 1839 | James and Mary sold Abraham C. Conwell 178.64 acres in NE1/4, S32, T14, R12; recorded Book K, p. 27 |
| Nov. 14, 1839 | James and Mary sold Charles E. Shipley 34 acres in W1/4, S29, T14, R12; recorded Book K, p. 27      |

About 1843 James purchased property just north of Eddyville, Mahaska County, Iowa. On May 14, 1844, he was a member of the first grand jury. On September 13, 1852, James obtained a land warrant from the Fairfield, Iowa, for the SE 1/4 of NE 1/4 of S12, R16, T74.

- viii. Elizabeth **Vance**. Born, **8 Feb 1799**, in Zanesville, Muskingum Co., OH<sup>29</sup>. Died, **21 Feb 1879**, in Sangamon Co., IL<sup>7</sup>. Buried in Arcadia Cemetery, Morgan Co., IL. Death(2): **1881**, in Sangamon Co., IL, near New Berlin<sup>29</sup>. She married, first, James **Woodward**, **24 Sep 1817**, in Greene Co., OH<sup>30</sup>. Marriage License, **2 Sep 1817**, in Greene Co., OH<sup>31</sup>. She married, second, John Richardson **Sturgis**, son of John Richardson **Sturgis** and Anna **Wright**, **24 Sep 1822**, in Greene Co., OH<sup>18</sup>.

John R. and Elizabeth Vance Sturgis had seven children according to the Historical Encyclopedia of Illinois Volume II, page 1146.

- ix. Abraham **Vance**. Born, **before 1800** in Kentucky<sup>32</sup>. Died, **Aug 1833**, in Morgan Co., IL<sup>33</sup>. Census: **1830**, in Morgan Co., IL; p. 90. Occupation: merchant. He married Mary **Ennis**, **29 Jul 1816**, in Greene Co., OH<sup>34</sup>.

Abraham Vance owned property in Morgan County, Illinois in 1823. He was a voter there in 1824 where he died in the cholera epidemic.

Executor of the estate of Abraham Vance was William Snodgrass, husband of Abraham's sister, Mary. The executor was sworn, August 8, 1833. The estate inventory listed lots 64 and 65 in Jacksonville, a tract of land in the W 1/2 of the SE 1/4 of S29, T19N, R10W containing eighty acres. Another tract of eighty acres was in the W 1/2 of the NW 1/4 of S14, T15N, R10W. A third tract of land contained 80 acres and was located in the W 1/2 of the SW 1/4 of S11, T15N, R10W.

Abraham's will left his widow, Mary, the interest from his estate during her lifetime. Upon her death the estate was to be divided among his brothers and sisters. Mary protested this will and later withdrew her objections as she felt the costs of fighting it would leave her worse off.

- x. Nancy **Vance**. Born, **1 Jan 1802** in Hamilton Co., NW Territory<sup>35</sup>. Died, **before 1845**, in Greene Co., OH<sup>36</sup>. She married Daniel **Lewis**, Jr., Marriage License, **3 Dec 1817**, in Greene Co., OH<sup>37</sup>.
- xi. Bradley **Vance**. Born, **before 1810**<sup>38</sup>. Died, **8 Aug 1833**, in Jacksonville, Morgan Co., IL<sup>39</sup>. Census: **1830**, in Jacksonville, Morgan Co., IL; p. 92<sup>40</sup>. Occupation: merchant. He



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married Nancy **Jewett**, **10 Jan 1828**, in Morgan Co., IL<sup>41</sup>.

Bradley Vance owned the following tracts located in Morgan County, Illinois:

|                  |                         |                          |
|------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|
| October 28, 1826 | patentee on 134.4 acres | NW 1/4 S9,T14,R9W        |
| October 28, 1826 | patentee on 70 acres    | E1/2 SW 1/4 S9,T14N,R9W  |
| October 28, 1826 | patentee on 10 acres    | E1/2 SW1/4 S9,T14N,R9W   |
| October 29, 1826 | patentee on 70 acres    | W1/2 NW 1/4 S9,T14,R8W   |
| October 29, 1826 | patentee on 70 acres    | E1/2 SW 1/4 S9,T14,R8W   |
| October 16, 1827 | patentee on 80 acres    | E1/2 NW 1/4 S9,T15N,R11W |
| October 16, 1827 | patentee on 10 acres    | E1/2 NW 1/4 S9,T15N,R11W |

On January 10, 1828, Bradley married Nancy Jouett. Bradley Vance and his wife and two sons under five were listed in the Morgan County, Illinois census of 1830. He and his wife were between twenty and thirty years of age. Bradley, his brother Abraham, and brother-in-law, Nathan Howell Gest were merchants in a general store carrying such items as liquor, dry goods, tools, guns, furniture, and shoes.

In July and August of 1833 a cholera epidemic struck down Bradley Vance, his wife, and daughter. Estate bills indicated that illness first struck about July 8th affecting Bradley and a child. By August 8th medical bills included medicine for the mother. Bradley died on August 8th, and his probate was opened on the 19th of August in Morgan County, the executors being Daniel McDonald, Felix W. Jouett, and Jacob Redding. Bradley left two orphaned sons, John and William. Felix W. Jouett became guardian of these children. Estate bills included costs of two walnut coffins and a child's coffin.

WHO IS THIS JOSEPH VANCE of Greene County, Ohio, who sold his land in Lincoln County, Kentucky, to John L. Martin of Bourbon County, Kentucky, mentioned in paragraph three, page one, of this article? Our Joseph and Nancy Bradley Vance were in Greene County, Ohio, in 1805; however, no wife signed this deed of sale, and this Joseph appears to have signed his name. Our Joseph Vance made his mark on any sale of land that is known to have been his and Nancy's, so apparently he did not write. The Martin connection is puzzling as well in light of the fact that Joseph and Nancy Bradley Vance's son, John, married Nancy Martin, daughter of Harry and Sarah Morgan Martin. Nancy Martin Vance also had a brother, John.

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## THE FAMILY OF JOSEPH AND NANCY BRADLEY VANCE

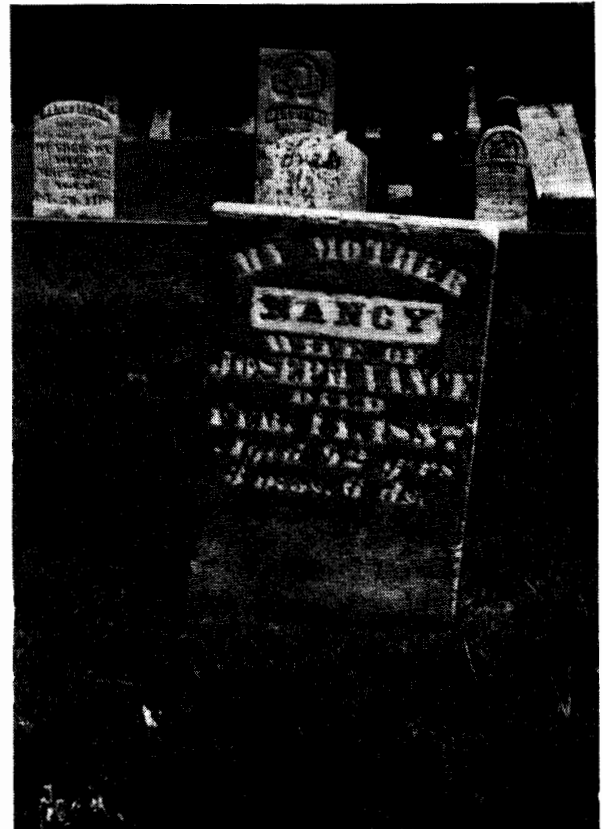
### NOTES AND REFERENCES

- 1 1850 Census: aged 85; born in Virginia; died 92 years, 3 months, 6 days.
- 2 Jacksonville Area Genealogical and Historical Society information.
- 3 Stone reads: *Wife of Joseph, died 14 Feb. 1857, age 92 yrs., 3 mo., 6 days.*
- 4 Probably enumerated in error as Nancy Banks, living with her daughter, Sarah Vance Morgan.
- 5 Living with John and Elizabeth Vance Sturgis.
- 6 Family bible of Mary E. Young Nickolas, in custody of Susan Hockins Weber, 4435 F Ave. NE. Cedar Rapids, IA.
- 7 Nancy Wach; No known documentation.
- 8 Leaves of Greene, Vol. 7: p. 3, in custody of Carlsbad City Library, Carlsbad, CA, Vol 7, p 3: groom. Robert Snodgrass; James Miller JP officiating.
- 9 1850 Census: aged 64; born KY; died 75 years, 2 months, 20 days.
- 10 Old Middletown Cemetery Records, Des Moines, Co., IA.
- 11 The History of Henry County, Iowa, West. Hist. Co., Chicago, IL: 1879, 977.71/H525Hi; Cyrenus Cole, Iowa Through the Years; Benjamin F. Shambaugh; The Iowa Journal of History and Politics, St. Hist. Soc., Iowa City, IA: 1922, 1930, Volumes XX, XXVIII, in custody of Genealogical Library of LDS Church, Salt Lake City, UT; History of Sangamon County, Illinois, Int. Pub. Co., Chicago, IL: 1881, in custody of Genealogical Library of LDS Church, Salt Lake City, UT.
- 12 Greene Co., OH, Marriages, in custody of Greene Co., OH, Courthouse, Xenia, OH, Book A, p. 4: The Reverend Joshua Carman officiating.
- 13 Tombstone reads: 77 years, 10 months, 18 days.
- 14 Tombstone date; War of 1812 Widow Pension information.
- 15 Tombstone date.
- 16 War of 1812, pension application of Nancy Martin Vance.
- 17 This may not be a child of Joseph Vance.
- 18 Nancy J. Wach; No known documentation.
- 19 Not named in the will of his father.
- 20 Died in a cholera epidemic; date from Nancy Wach; no known documentation.
- 21 Greene Co., OH, Marriages, Book A: p. 99; Stephen Bell, J.P., officiating.
- 22 Coleen Roof, 291 Indiandale Rd., 8E, Cedar Rapids, IA 52403.
- 23 Family bible of James Vance.
- 24 Greene Co., OH, Marriages, Book A: p. 99; Stephen Bell, J.P. officiating.
- 25 Patrick Joseph Bishop, Rt. 2, Box 290, Maxwell, IA 50161.
- 26 Wife, Mary, 43; Elmira, 18; Bradley, 13; James, 12; JT, 4; Louiza, 1.
- 27 Greene Co., OH, Marriages, Book A: p. 42; Joshua Carman officiating.
- 28 Fayette Co., IN, Marriages, 1825-1833: Book B, p. 313.
- 29 Edited by Newton Bateman, LL.D. and Paul Selby, A.M., Historical Encyclopedia of Illinois, Munsell Pub. Co., Chicago, 1912, Vol. II, pp. 1146-1147.
- 30 Greene Co., OH, Marriages, Book A: p. 123; James McBride, J.P., officiating.
- 31 Ibid., Book A-1: p. 19.
- 32 1830 Census: aged 30-39.
- 33 Will dated August 4, 1833; executor sworn August 28, 1833.
- 34 Greene Co. OH Marriages, Book A: p. 65; The Rev. Joshua Carman officiating.
- 35 Arthur R. Kilner, Greene County, Ohio, Births Prior to 1869, Heritage Books, 1988, in custody of Carlsbad City Library, Carlsbad, CA, p. 193.
- 36 Receipt by Lewis Roper in estate papers of Joseph Vance, April 17, 1844.
- 37 Greene Co., OH, Marriages, Book A-1: p. 22.
- 38 1830 Census: aged 20-30.
- 39 Estate papers showed bill of \$10.00 for coffin and date of death.
- 40 Two sons under 5.
- 41 State of Illinois Archives Marriage Index; FHL Microfische.

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Stone on Joseph Vance's grave in Liberty Cemetery. Location; Blandinsville Township in McDonough Co. Illinois, one and one-half miles north north-west of Blandsville, Illinois. The cemetery was established in about 1833 in connection with the Liberty Christian Church, which stood near this location from 1832 till about 1849, when it was moved to the town of Blandinsville. The stone reads; In Memory of Joseph Vance - Departed this life Febuary the 1st A.D. 1838 - aged 84 years 11 months & 22 days.



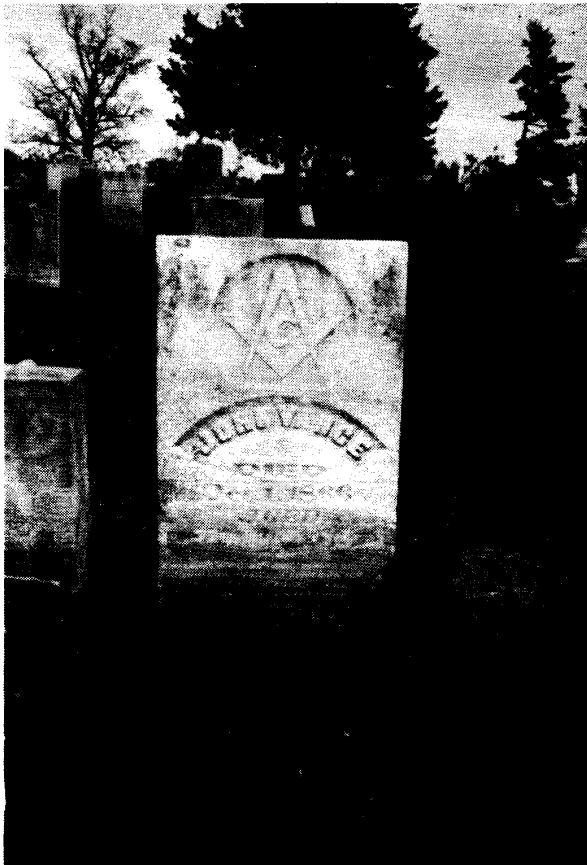
Nancy Bradley Vance's stone in Arcadia Cemetery, near Jacksonville, in Morgan County Illinois. The stone reads;

MY MOTHER  
NANCY  
WIFE OF  
JOSEPH VANCE  
DIED  
FEB. 14, 1857  
Aged 92 yrs.  
3 mos & 6 dys

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This house is on the corner of 4th & Vance Street in Eddyville, Iowa. On Jan. 17, 1855 Nancy Martin Vance bought this property (Lot 4-Block 86) from Hiram & Mary Berdan for fifty-five dollars but John willed it to Nancy when he died. "Our Town - Eddyville 1840-1990" Compiled by The Eddyville Historical Committee, dates the house 1855, so, if that is correct, John and Nancy Vance built or had built this 10 room brick house.



Stone of John Vance in Highland Cemetery near Eddyville, Iowa. Stone with Masonic emblem reads;

John Vance

DIED

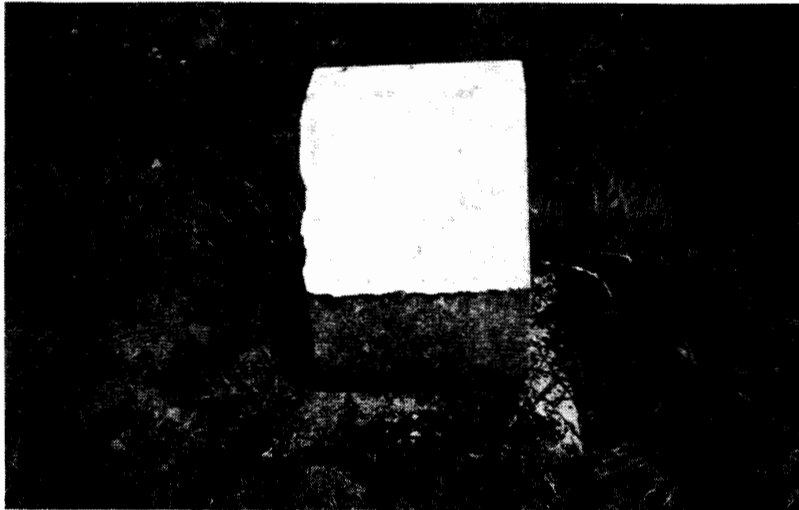
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AGED

77 yrs 10 mos 18dys

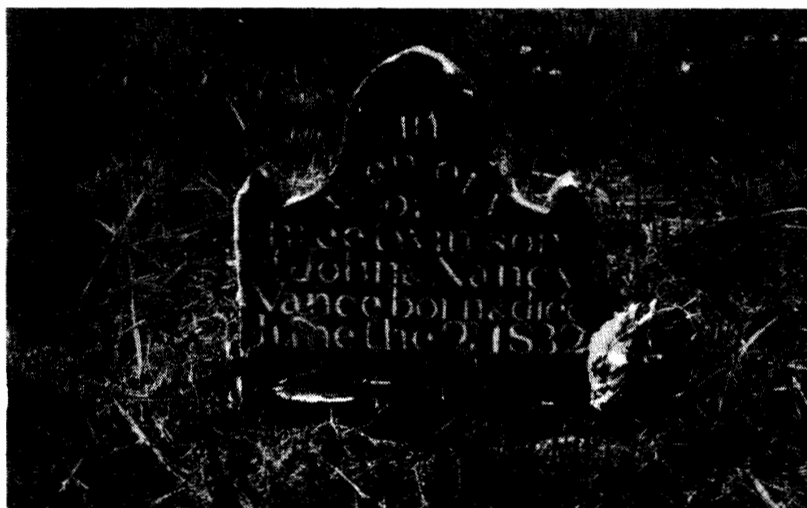
FAREWELL DEAR WIFE AND CHILDREN ALL  
FROM YOU A FA. THER CHRIST DOTH CALL  
MOURN NOT FOR ME TISS ALL IN VAIN  
TO CALL ME TO YOUR SIDE AGAIN  
MY COURSE IS RUN, MY DAYS ARE SPENT  
GO HOME MY FRIENDS AND BE CONTENT  
GO HOME DEAR FRIENDS AND DRY YOUR TEAR  
I MUST LIE HERE TILL CHRIST APPEARS

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ABOVE Nancy Martin Vance, wife of John Vance, is buried in Liberty Cemetery, McDonough County Illinois, close by her father-in-law Joseph Vance. Liberty Cemetery is located on the SW  $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 21. John and Nancy lived in this area before moving to Iowa. The stone reads; Nancy Vance born Oct. 15, 1800 Died May 19, 1881.

BELOW This stone marks the first burial in Liberty Cemetery (page 37 of The History of McDonough County Illinois 1992 - Compiled by Ruth Chenoweth & Sara Wissland Semonis) The stone reads; In Memory of three twin sons of John & Nancy Vance born & died June the 2nd 1832. John & Nancy also have three young daughters buried here, 2 in 1840 and 1 in 1841.



James Vance -- Warren County, KY  
Research of Virginia Lovett

Warren County Kentucky

Deed Book 5 (?) Page 111

James Vance deed of trust to John Bryan

Know all men by these presents that I, James Vance of the County of Warren and State of Kentucky have this day, for and in consideration of the sum of One hundred and sixty pounds good and lawful money to me in hand paid the receipt whereof (page 112) I do hereby acknowledge, Bargained and sold and by these presents do bargain sell convey and confirm to John Bryan of the County and State af's One Negro mane, a Slave of the name of Nath. of the age of twenty five Years And sorrel horse and two coult three cows, fours beds and furniture and bedsteads three tables and One Beaurow all which said property is now in my possession and I do hereby transfer and convey said Negro Slave horse coult, cows, bed, furniture bedsteads, Table and Beaurow to the said Bryan his heirs Executors Administrators etc forever in trust for the interest use and benefit of Alexander Graham and Benjamin Lawley and I do hereby authorise and empower said John Bryan trustee as af'd if I do not satisfy and pay to said Graham and Lawly the sum of Six hundred and four dollars twenty cents on or before the first day of January next upon the said Bryan by himself or his certain Attorney by giving publick notice to proceed immediately to make sale of all the aforesaid Property at publick auction for the best price it will fetch in ready money and the proceeds of the sale of all said Property is and shall be applied to the use and benefit of the said Graham and Lawly or so much thereof as will be sufficient to pay the aforesaid sum of Six hundred and four dollars twenty cents Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 6th day April 1810

Teste *W. Thomas*  
*James Riggins*

*James Vance* (Seal)  
(There may be a Jr. mixed  
in with the seal)

(page 113) State of Kentucky

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Warren County Set

I William Chapline Clerk of the County Court for the said County do hereby certify that the within Deed of Trust was on the 7th day of June 1810 partly proven by the oath of Walter Thomas and on the 11th day of the same Month was farther and fully proven before me by the Oath of James Riggins to be the act and deed of the within named James Vance Jr. and that I have recorded the said Deed of trust together with this certificate as required by law

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand the 11th day of June 1810

*Wm Chapline*

Comment of Virginia Lovett: This could possibly be the son of John P. Vance who died 1782 Augusta Co., VA. James' birth appears to have been ca 1776 - if a junior, was the James in Logan Co., KY a senior and son of Col. Samuel Vance? Comments please.

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**Robert Vance of Scotland/Canada**  
**research of Terry Rostamo**

Robert Vance was born in Scotland 11/12/1804. His father was David Vance #2103 and his mother was (\_\_\_\_ ? \_\_\_\_). He married Mary Hogg 11/9/1827, and emigrated to Canada, April 15, 1831. He had seven sons and one daughter. David and John were born in Scotland. Joseph, Robert, Agnes, William, James Hogg and Thomas were born in Canada. The family scattered from there. David, b 9/22/1828, and his brother Robert, b 4/1/1839 moved south to Mount Morris, Michigan prior to 1870 where they became known for building the "Bridge Building".

James Hogg Vance b 1838 headed for Nevada where he met Louisa Scott whom he married in 1863 in Genoa, Nevada. From there, he continued on to California. He settled in Yreka where he co-founded Vance & Walbridge and a flour mill in Montecue Co., California. He had the first telephone and gas in Yreka and Northern California. He also raced horses in the San Francisco area, and eventually settled in Oakland, where he died in 1913. I still have a chrome plated horse shoe that came from one of his horses. He had four daughter: Agnes b. 8/13/1866, Lulu b. 3/3/1870 who married Augustus Baumgartner, Effie b. 1/21/1873, the one who has given me her memories. She married Charles W. Carter in Oakland. He was a clipper ship captain, and an importer. They were both in Siberia with their daughter during the Russian Revolution and Mabel was thrown out of a street car window by Russian soldiers. She also remembered skipping school to ride her horse to watch the railroad being built in Yreka. She rode the first train between California and Oregon. I am hoping to get a copy of her memoirs which tell a lot about the early history of Yreka, California.

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**Two Mississippi Towns Named Vance**  
**Vance**

Now listed as being extinct, Vance was located about two miles east of Slate Springs, being named for William Vance, who in 1837 was the first settler. After building a log cabin in 1837, Vance established a water mill on Shulispear Creek for the purpose of grinding grain. In 1844, Vance cleared a plot of ground about 300 yards from his mill on which to erect a larger home. He died before the home was built, and on being buried in the clearing, the spot came to be known as the Vance Graveyard, being used by the community which later sprang up.

William was the son of James A. Vance, Sr. #189 of S.C. & P.A.

**Vance**

Located on the county line between Quitman and Tallahatchie Counties ten miles southwest of Lambert, Vance was founded in 1901 and named for Captain C. B. Vance, local landowner. When the railroad came through a station was established and a large sawmill was located here. The station was discontinued in 1932 except during cotton shipping season when an agent was placed here to accommodate the farmers.

The first school in Vance was erected in 1902 and was also used as a church. The school was located on the county line with half the building being in Tallahatchie County and the two counties shared the maintenance of the school.

Captain Vance is a descendant of David Vance, Jr., #2178, and wife Janet.

- Research of Dorothy Vance, Morton, MS

**John Vance**  
**Harford County, Maryland**  
by Kathleen Mason

Research of Dr. Melton Meek, 3410 Oak, N.W. Lawton, OK 73505. This is not his line, but a corollary line. Dr. Meek and I share a couple of surnames, and he was kind enough to send me his research on this John Vance whose wife was Agnes Mitchell. Her sister was Jean Mitchell Meek.

John Vance's will was dated 15 June, 1782, proved July 1782, Harford Co. MD. He named his wife 'Agnes, my well beloved wife', gave her 1/3 of his estate, her choice of beds and furniture, his bay mair with saddle and bridle. He mentions he had four children at home Sons Andrew and John to receive the land, when Andrew becomes of age. Eleanor is a minor and show is to receive a horse, saddle and bridle, a bed and furniture, and a milch cow. Alice also receive the same. Daughters (already married) Jane Turner and Rebecca Hanna to receive 10 shillings if demanded and no more , and William to receive 5 shillings if demanded, and no more, indicating they had already been provided for. After these bequests, if there was any remainder, it was to be equally divided between Alice, John, Andrew and Eleanor (evidently the four children at home) when Eleanor comes of age. Agnes was the executrix, and the will was witnessed by John Smyth, John Brown (X) and John Brown, Jr. John Vance signed by X.

Bethel Presbyterian Church by Anna L. K. Smith states this church was founded in Madonna Twp., Harford Co., MD. Page 58, Item 20, lists John Vance, wife Agnes, Children: John, Andrew, Mary Creswell, Hughey and Rebecca. Grandson W. Vance. Note that neither Eleanor nor Jane is not listed, and a new name is added, not mentioned in the will - Hughey. The following information on each child may be helpful.

1. John Vance, Jr. He executed a deed May 1807, living in Jefferson Co., Ohio.
2. William Vance - no further info.
3. Jane Vance b. ca 1754, died 24 Aug. 1823, Plattsburg, Clark Co., Ohio, buried Wilson Chapel Cem. She married before her father's will was written in 1782 to Samuel Turner, who died 4 Sept 1823, Plattsburg, Ohio, buried Wilson Chapel Cemetery.
4. Rebecca Vance. Helen Coyer found in The Historical Society of Pennsylvania a letter from a descendant (not named in what Helen copied) stating her great- great grandmother was Rebecca Vance who married Hugh Hanna February 6th, 1781. She was born December 16, 1760, and died near Prosperity, Washington, Pennsylvania, August 16, 1834. Hugh Hanna settled on Ten Mile Creek, Morris County, Pennsylvania about 1790. His parents were Thomas and Elizabeth Henderson (Scotch Irish) Hanna. Rebecca Vance and Hugh Hanna had the following children: Agnes, b. 1780, Elizabeth, Thomas, John Vance, Rebecca, James, Elinor, Hugh (named for her brother Hughey, mentioned in church records?), and Martha.
5. Andrew Vance was a minor 1782, adult 1796 when he executed a deed. He married Mary Creswell, daughter of James and Elizabeth Orr Creswell of Scotland. He died 8 Dec. 1807, Harford Co. MD. His estate papers cover time frame 1808/10. His wife died after 1815, when she executed a deed. Their daughter Mary Vance, married Robert Turner, her first cousin, son of Jane Vance and Samuel Turner.
6. Eleanor Vance. Minor 1782. No further info.



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7. Alice Vance. In 1782 in the estate settlement of her father, she was old enough to have purchased a cow, household items, etc. on her own.

8. Hughey Vance. Listed in Bethel Church information, not listed in father's will.

Some deeds, which give information of family transactions/movements:

24 Feb. 1796, Agnes Vance, of Harford Co., State of Maryland, Spinster, and Shadrack Rutledge..she owned tract..Hughes Cabbin and he owned Brown's Choice..resurveying boundary lines for clarification of limits of each tract. Deed names: John Vance and Andrew Vance, sons of aforesaid Agnes Vance.

12 May 1807, Agnes Vance of York Co. PA. and John Vance of Jefferson County, Ohio, of the first part and Samuel Turner of Harford Co. MD of second part..for 170 pounds, sell to Samuel Turner tracts called Hughs Cabbin and Brown's Choice...

23 Aug. 1815 Harford Co. MD, Agnes Vance of Harford Co., Md. for sum of 80 pounds...paid by Mary Vance (widow of Andrew) of same county and state, 88 acres, part of tract of Hugh's cabbin, adjoining land of Samuel Turner.

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**BIRTHDAY BOOK RECORDS**

Research of Kathleen Koepp, 2368 Magda Circle, Thousand Oaks, CA 91360

The Report, of the Ohio Genealogical Society, Winter 1986, Volume XXVI, No. 4 Pg. 213.

These records were recorded in a Birthday Book containing genealogical records, birthdays, and addresses of friends. It was owned by Mrs. Bertha Vance of Ottumwa, Iowa, and was published by the Watch Tower Bible & Tract Society, Brooklyn, 1907. It was purchased by Shirley Crusen Stevens in Ann Arbor, MI in an antique store.

**Marriages**

Mr. W. T. Vance & Miss Bertha Norris were united in marriage by Rev. McCormick at Grant City, MO 20 Sep 1892.

**Births**

Lucile Grace, 2 Oct 1896

James Eli, 21 May 1902

Margaret Elizabeth, 15 Jul 1904

**Deaths**

Louise Grace, 13 Aug 1904

W.T. Vance 9 July 1941

Eli Vance, father of W. T. Vance, passed away 7 July 1915

Emeline Jane Iron Vance, mother of W. T. Vance, passed away 17 Dec 1915

Mary U. Vance 1917

**Birthday Book**

Mary E. Vance 7 Jan 1867

Leona Vance 7 Feb

Eli Vance was born 6 Feb 1834

Leona Vance - 8 Feb

Mrs. W. T. Vance 19 Apr 1875

Master J. E. Vance, 21 May 1902

Margaret Vance 15 July 1904

Mary V. Vamce. 1435 38th St., Rock Island - 24 Aug 1860

Mrs. Gladys L. Vance 24 Aug 1889

William Thomas Vance 26 Aug 1866 - converted 1880

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Dorothy Howell Carroll  
958 Buoy Rd.  
Houston, TX 77062

Dear Dorothy,

Welcome to the Vance Family Association! Kathleen Mason and other members were most helpful in making the connection between "our" John and his father Samuel Vance.

To backtrack a bit; from a family history written by my grandmother, Elsie Terry Vance, I knew that Thomas M. Vance was my 2nd great grandfather. Thomas M.'s first wife was Katherine Richards; his second wife was her younger sister, Elenor Richards. Grandma also knew that Thomas M. moved from near Bristol, TN to near Woodbury, Cannon Co., TN. I believe but have no "absolute" proof, that your Elizabeth Vance Blevins was Thomas M.'s sister and the daughter of John Vance and Sarah Marquis. John's parents were Samuel Vance and Sarah Colville. Sarah's parents were Thomas Marquis and Mary Colville.

My best source of "proof" that Elizabeth is the daughter of John and Sarah is somewhat convoluted. In the 1950's, Charles L. Lewis corresponded with my grandmother. Mr. Lewis' letters stated that he was a descendant of Richard Richards and Ruthea Vance. Richard Richards was the son of Edward Richards and Jane Root, and brother to Katherine Richards Vance and Elenor Richards Vance. Mr. Lewis thought that Ruthea Vance was Thomas M.'s sister. I decided to follow this old clue and discovered that Richard Richards died in McMinn Co., TN in 1834. Although no will exists for Richard, the inventory and sale of his property can be found in McMinn Co. Will Books and Court Records. The inventory of Richard Richards estate names the administrators as Daniel Richards (Richard's brother) and John W. Blevins (Hardin & Elizabeth's son?). In the sale of Richard's personal property, among those who purchased items were: Hardin Blevins for \$120.13; Thomas L. Thomas and Sarah Blevins (Hardin & Elizabeth's daughter-in-law, Samuel's wife?) for \$5.81 1/2; Samuel Blevins and Henson W. Thomas for \$10.06 1/4; Henson F. Thomas and Samuel Blevins for \$5.81 1/4; John W. Blevins and Morris Blevins for \$5.00. In studying early estates, items sold were usually purchased by family members or close neighbors. Since the Blevins lived in Meigs Co. and the Richards lived in McMinn Co.; they were probably not close neighbors. I have also wondered if the Thomas family is somehow related.

In McMinn Co. Will Book E, Pg. 41, the estate of Richard Richards received \$50.00 cash from John Vance, (deceased) willed to said heirs of Richard Richards. This document would indicate that Ruthea Vance Richards was the daughter of John Vance.

The Richards family records were found in the White Co., TN library and recently sent to me by Eugenia Richards. This record indicates that Ruthea died April 1, 1834; before Richard who died August 21, 1834. Their deaths left 9 children, aged 7 mos. to 13 years, as orphans. Richard and Ruthea's 2 oldest sons, John Vance and Elijah L., were apprenticed out; Daniel Richards took Daniel and possibly one of the younger males to raise; another possible Richards' brother, John, took Susannah and possibly one of the other younger males to raise with him in Cannon Co., TN. From all indications, Sary Jane, 11; Ellen Catherine, 9; and Elizabeth, 5; were left with someone in McMinn Co.

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A Sarah Richards (Sary Jane?) married John Gallaher on April 14, 1841, McMinn. Elizabeth Richards married Joseph Sharp, January 16, 1851, McMinn Co. No record for Ellen Catherine (b. April 16, 1825). I thought it interesting that the 1850 census for Hardin and Elizabeth Blevins shows a daughter, Ellen Catherine--coincidence? I note that you have no other information on Catherine.

Family names. Both John Vance and Sarah Marquis has sisters named Elizabeth, so it is highly likely that they named a daughter, Elizabeth. Thomas Vance Blevins was perhaps named after his uncle, Thomas M. (Marquis?) Vance, who was named after his maternal grandfather, Thomas Marquis. John Wilson, according to Marquis family legend, was an uncle who raised Sarah Marquis and her six brother and sisters after the death of their parents. David Vance, another son of John and Sarah's, named one of his sons, John W. (Wilson?); Thomas M. named one of his sons David Wilson. I also noted that at least two of Hardin and Elizabeth's grandchildren were named Rutha, perhaps after their great aunt, Ruthea/Rutha Vance Richards.

You asked about the First Families of Tennessee, and I am aware of the program. I have not attempted to get John Vance designated because we have so little personal information--no birth or death dates, or marriage record. I keep hoping that a family bible will appear! As far as the time frame, John would qualify--the earliest "official" record is his purchase of land in Sullivan Co. on August 30 1783; although it is possible and probable that he was in Tennessee before that date.

Something else I noticed, my Thomas M. claimed in census records to have been born in Virginia, while your Elizabeth, born two years earlier, claims birth in Tennessee, so who knows!?!?

Last fall, my husband and I took a "genealogical" vacation and travelled to many areas of the South. We visited the former home of my father, William Vance, and grandparents, Samuel and Elsie Vance near Lebanon, TN (they moved to Colorado in 1929). This was also the same farm owned by my great grandparents, Edward R. and Drusilla Bonner Hearn Vance. The home has been converted into a retirement home and is still owned by a distant cousin. The family cemetery sits on a high hill above the old home. Most of the graves are unmarked, but thanks to my Grandma's history, we know who is buried there.

From Lebanon, we went on to Woodbury, TN where Thomas M. and Elenor Richards Vance homesteaded. There is an old home on the property which is about 2+ miles north of Woodbury on Highway 145. The Vance Cemetery sits behind the home and is not visible from the road. I had researched cemetery records before our trip, no record of tombstones for Thomas M. or Elenor. Imagine our surprise and delight to find a weather marker for Thomas M.

Our next stop was Bristol, TN; unfortunately, we had no luck in finding John and Sarah's farm; although we may have and didn't know it; Bristol has spread in all directions. We did visit the Beeler Cemetery, where many of David Vance's children are buried. There are many unmarked graves and unreadable stones. I suspect that John and Sarah, as well as David and Rebecca Vance may be buried there.

In Abingdon, VA, we located Samuel Vance and Sarah Colville's tombstones in Sinking Springs Cemetery. John's brother, Samuel and his wife, Margaret

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Laughlin are buried next to Samuel and Sarah. It was a wonderful trip, but too short for all that we'd hope to accomplish!

The only other active VFA member from "our" line is Robert Cooney. Bob and I worked together to "find" our John Vance. Bob and I finally met last year while on our trip.

I hope you find the information helpful and would love to have your thoughts.

Sincerely,  
Mary V. Norfleet

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**VANCE CEMETERY  
WILSON COUNTY, TN**

Located on private property, about 4 miles northeast of Lebanon, TN on Old Rome Pike. Most of the graves are unmarked, those with markers are indicated with a \*. Record of those buried in the cemetery from Family History written by Elsie Terry Vance; dates taken from Family Bible Records.

Sarah Sharp Jetton Brevard\*  
*Mother of Mary Caroline  
Brevard Vance*  
b. June 16, 1788  
d. May 7, 1821

Joseph Thomas Vance\*  
*Son of Edward R. & Mary C. Vance*  
b. May 6, 1848  
d. October 11, 1928  
Tombstone: 1847-1828

Mary Caroline Brevard Vance\*  
*1st Wife of Edward R. Vance*  
b. April 13, 1819  
d. May 4, 1853

Edward Richards Vance  
*Son of Thomas M. & Elenor Richards  
Vance*  
b. December 3, 1817  
d. March 28, 1904

Daniel Vance\*  
*Son of Thomas M. &  
Katherine Richards Vance*  
b. April 7, 1811  
d. January 27, 1845

Drusilla Bonner Hearn Vance  
*2nd Wife of Edward R. Vance*  
b. November 3, 1831  
d. February 14, 1899

James Hall Vance  
*Son of Edward R. & Mary C.  
Vance. Died in the Sequatchie  
Valley, TN in Civil War; body  
exhumed and reburied in Family  
Cemetery*  
b. May 28, 1843  
d. May 16, 1862

Alice B. Vance Thomson  
*Daughter of Edward R. & Drusilla  
Vance*  
b. March 19, 1855  
d. ?

Mary Ellen Vance  
*Daughter of Edward R.  
& Mary C. Vance*  
b. January 31, 1846  
d. February 5, 1847

James N. Thomson  
*Husband of Alice B. Vance*  
No information

Lucille Thomson  
*Daughter of Alice B. & James N.  
Thomson*  
No Information

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Hearn Thomson  
Son of Alice B. & James N.  
Thomson  
No Information

Mary E. Johnson\*  
Daughter of Bess & Wm. F. Johnson  
Granddaughter of Alice & James  
Thomson  
b. December 10, 1907  
d. March 17, 1908

William F. Johnson  
Husband of Bess Thomson Johnson  
No Information

Martha Jane Vance  
Daughter of Edward R. & Drusilla  
Vance  
b. February 16, 1862  
d. November 15, 1864

Novella Bonner Vance  
Daughter of Edward R. & Drusilla  
Vance  
b. September 14, 1869  
d. September 8, 1891

Ione Vance\*  
Daughter of Isham R. & Florence  
Oliver Vance  
b. June 9, 1896  
d. September 16, 1900

**VANCE CEMETERY**  
Cannon County, TN

This is a public cemetery located 2+ miles north of Woodbury on Highway 145.  
Cemetery about 1/4 mile from Highway 145 and not visible from highway. Take  
wooden bridge left over Rush Creek to cemetery.

Thomas M. Vance  
Son of John & Sarah Marquis Vance  
Born February the 11th 1782  
Died July 17 1862

D. (David) W. Vance  
Son of Thomas M. & Elenor Richards  
Vance  
b. July 31, 1824  
d. November 13, 1886

Lydia (E. Morgan) Vance  
Wife of David W. Vance  
b. September 28, 1838  
d. April 26, 1906

E. (Edward) A. Vance  
Son of David W. & Lydia Morgan Vance  
b. November 1, 1866  
d. September 4, 1895

T. (Thomas) M. Vance  
Son of David W. & Lydia Morgan Vance  
b. 1865  
d. 1947

Sue (Susan Thomas) Vance  
Wife of T. M. Vance  
b. 1861  
d. 1931

Bettie A. Vance  
Daughter of David W. & Lydia Morgan  
Vance  
b. July 27, 1868  
d. July 7, 1927

Daniel Vance  
Son of John & Katharine Tenpenny  
Vance  
b. June 29, 1834  
d. April 22, 1910  
Age 75 yrs. 9 mo. 23 da.

Mary Vance  
b. December 23, 1862  
d. April 6, 1912  
Age 49 yrs. 3 mo. 11 da.

--Mary Vance Norfleet

# Mercedes rolling on

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Dean Vance of Birmingham, Alabama keeps us updated on the Mercedes plant construction located at Vance, Alabama. It is now about 70% complete. This hamlet in Alabama was named for a descendant of David Vance of Mecklenburg, NC. Because of the plant location, the name *Vance* is now well known in many countries. Newspaper clipping The Birmingham News, October 20, 1995.

## PENNSYLVANIA

by Kathleen Mason

Research of Phyllis Worrall, 371 Hubler Ridge Road, Bellefonte, PA 16823

Some time ago Phyllis received some old letters from John C. Vance of New Wilmington, PA. She thinks they are the original and are in good condition. Most are written from 1861 to 1869 to 'Uncle Sam Harris' in Portersville, Butler Co., PA by John A. Vance of Wisconsin and concern settling the sale of land owned by Sam Harris. The will of John Fuikton of Illinois, deceased, left property to Sam Harris. The land may have been in Illinois. It appears that Sam Harris was an attorney.

One paper is Sam Harris' will written 1832 - names sister Esther Harris, sister Anne Vance (possibly John A. Vance's sister), brother William Harris. He is still living 1869. One letter is from John A. Vance and is written to William Vance, his brother in New Castle, Lawrence Co. Pa. about Sam Harris property. Sam is apparently dead by then. The letter was postmarked 1874 from Sussex, Wisconsin.

The John C. Vance who sent Phyllis the papers says his ancestor was James Vance who came to Westmoreland Co. Pa in 1790. His wife was Mary Sibbeth. There is a will for James who names his wife Mary. Same one?

In checking her Fayette Co. Pa. papers, Phyllis found a deed transfer 1819 for 54 3/4 acres from Ezekial Vance and Sarah, formerly Sarah Burnell and widow of Moores Burnell and others to Sam Harris dated 2 August 1819 - appeared Ezekial and Sarah and others before Justice of Peace in Guernsey Co. Ohio for acknowledgment. Is the Sam Harris mentioned in these two instances the same person? Can someone identify these Vances and their connections?

On 25 August 1863 from Middletown, Des Moines Co., Iowa, John A. Vance to Sam Harris says, "I resigned my charge at Knoxville last spring." Does this indicate he was a minister?

Deed transfers Uniontown, Fayette Co. Pa.

Grantee Index.

Item #

- 313 Vance, Wm. from Jacob Beeson, Vol. B. p. 345 Nov 12, 1795, Uniontown, lot.
- 320 Vance, Moses from Benj. Whaley et ux. Deed Mar 11, 1796, Tyrone Twp 240+ acres Recorded (?) Mar 18, 1798 Cook C - Page 610.
- 351 Vance, George from Thomas Scott et ux Deed Aug. 11, 1804, Rec. Nov. 11, 1808 Book H, Page 143. Phyllis could not find this in deed book.
- 357 Vance, George from John Rabb Deed Oct 9, 1813. Two sales.

Grantor Index

- 314 Vance, Moses- Benj. Weathley Book C page 628. This name may be Whaley. It was a quit claim he had patented and bought out right of Moses Vance.
- 339 Vance, Wm et ux John Wood, Book F - p. 8. Phyllis could not find in deed book.
- 398 Vance, Ezekial to Sam Harris 54 3/4 acres. Book M p. 482.
- 399 Vance, Sarah to Sam Harris 54 3/4 acres Book M. p. 482. Phyllis has copy of this deed.
- 401 Vance, Sam to Isaac Jackson, Rec. June 16, 1821
- 402 Vance, Esther to Isaac Jackson, Rec. June 16, 1821. 60 acres Esther was dau of William Watson, deceased. Book N. p 51 & 51. Phyllis has copy of this.
- 404 Vance, George and Christian Rote, per sheriff to William Ewing, deed Nov. 3, 1812, German Twp 400 a. Rec. Feb. 28, 1824. Book N pg. 242.
- 405 Vance, George et ux Andrew Robb deed Feb. 27, 1824 German Twp. 400 acres Recorded Feb. 28, 1824 Book N. P. 245. George & Catherine his wife are names. There were three later transfers for George Vance. There was no will for him.

**VANCES**  
**APPEARING IN FAYETTE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA CEMETERY RECORDS**

In 1980 Bob and Mary Closson of Apollo PA searched the records of 67 PA cemeteries for Bruce Vance and located the following Vances.

***MOUNT MORIAH BAPTIST CEMETERY***

***Georges Township***

VANCE, Omer S. 1847-1951  
VANCE, Ruth d/o O.S. & M.C. 1901-1902  
VANCE, Samuel d 10-4-1885 age 84 years  
VANCE, Mary wife of Samuel  
d 12-10-1880 age 76 years  
VANCE, Mary Ann d 11-10-1856 age 26 years  
VANCE Davis d 3-19-1889 age 58 -1-0  
VANCE, Samuel A 1844-1897  
VANCE, Carrie 1842-1921  
VANCE, Sarah E b 9-21-1845 d 5-24-1906  
VANCE, Sarah A b 6-24-1845 d 4-28-1882  
VANCE, James R b 3-7-1845 d 5-21-1915  
VANCE, William b 10-14-1823 d 12-7-1905  
VANCE, Margaret M. wife of Wm.  
b 7-19-1828 d 8-28-1892

***BETHEL CEMETERY***

***[No township indicated, possibly in Uniontown]***

VANCE, George S. 1831-1881  
VANCE, Harry I. s/o W. S. d 1871 age 3-0-12  
VANCE, Jacob d 11-4-1883 age 85 years  
VANCE, Charlotte H. d 7-9-1870 age 87-9-9  
VANCE, James E. d 1851 (?)  
VANCE, Mary d 6-16-1872 age 81-0-11  
VANCE, Abraham d 9-1-1873 age 50-8-25  
VANCE, Caroline d 8-26-1873 age 33-6-1  
VANCE, Hannah d 7-10-1860 age 6-1-18  
VANCE, Will 1870-1887

***TENT CEMETERY***

***Georges Township***

VANCE, Rachel d 1837 aged 27 years  
VANCE, William d 1818 aged 51 years

***LAUREL HILL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH CEMETERY***

***Dunbar Township***

VANCE, Jacob b 1-2-1830 d 12-13-1903  
VANCE, Rebecca b 6-23-1863 d 12-6-1896  
VANCE, Thomas W. 1849 -1923  
VANCE, Phoebe A., his wife 1859  
VANCE, Rachel 1836 -1908  
VANCE, Agnes 1847 -1914  
VANCE, Albert 1855  
VANCE, Annie Myrtle 1895 -1908  
VANCE, Charles s/o J.H. & R  
d 8-18-1883 age 1-9-17  
VANCE, John d 9-29-1887  
VANCE, Elizabeth d 4-14-1901  
VANCE, Emma d 5-30-1855  
VANCE, Thomas d 4-20-1802 age 6 years  
VANCE, Rebecca d 12-13-1903  
VANCE, Jacob 1882  
VANCE, Mary wife of Jacob  
b 7-21-1833 d 5-17-1882  
VANCE, Mary 1927  
VANCE, Lizzie L. w/o Ellis d 7-19-1896 age 33 years  
VANCE, Myrtle b 1-27-1793 d 2-23-????

***SANDY HILL UNION CEMETERY (QUAKER)***

***Menallen Township***

VANCE, A. Frank 1858-1906  
VANCE, Mary Jane 1858-1929  
VANCE, Mary daughter of A. F. and J. M.  
b 9-17-1892 d 3-15-1907  
VANCE, Ollie s/o A. F. & J. M  
b 8-15-1888 d 4-1-1890  
VANCE, Annie H. d/o A. F. & J. M.  
b 10-23-1885 d 9-4-1892



### OLD FAMILY NAMING PATTERNS

An interesting clue to the researcher is the following article from Family Puzzlers, 1993 entitled "Old Naming Patterns" sent in by Mary Norfleet:

"The first son was named for the father's father, the second son was named for the mother's father, the third son for his father, the fourth son was named for his father's eldest brother, the fifth son was named for his mother's eldest brother, the sixth son was named for his father's second eldest brother, and etc. The first daughter was named for her mother's mother, second daughter for her father's mother, the third daughter was named for her mother, the fourth daughter was named for her mother's eldest sister, and etc. Many families did not follow any set pattern, but it's interesting that such patterns existed."

### MISCELLANEOUS DAVID VANCES

**Correction October 1995 NL Pg. 120..middle of the page.** The authors of Soldiers of the War of '1812 Buried in Tennessee confused David Vance (who was not **David G. Vance**) who was buried in Buncombe County, N.C. with another David Vance, who was David G. Vance with wife Theodocia. An article is in the works about this David G. Vance.

**On May 6, 1747, John Blair was apprenticed to David Vance to learn the trade of weaving,** by order of Morgan Morgan. This was in Frederick Co. Va., and this surely was David Vance involved in the Hite Trial. John Blair was born April 1739, orphaned at age 8. On that same day in 1747 John Blair's sister Margaret was apprenticed to learn spinning and sewing. She was 12 years of age. Source: Historical Records of Old Frederick and Hampshire Counties, Virginia (revised 1992). Research of Grace Dotson.

**1790 Census, North Carolina.** That census shows in Halifax District, Martin County a David Vance 1 2 2 next to John Vance 1 2 1. On this same page is Elijah Vance 1 1 3 and another David Vance 2 1 5. If you have any legal documents, or family information on any of these men, please send to Kathleen Mason. An article is being prepared, which may make some connections. Thanks.

**Update - October 1995 NL, Pg. 120, Blount Co. Tennessee Deeds.** It always helps when those 'cold facts' can be identified. Please read carefully the first article on the following page '**Kathleen's Korner**'. The David Vance son of Samuel C. Vance requests burial at the United Baptist Church of Ellijoy (Tennessee). The two deeds dated 17 July 1818 and 3 May 1819 mention Ellejoy Creek. Surely this is the same David Vance. His will mentions 'his esteemed neighbor James A. Davis', and one deed is to James Davis. So, now, we have another David Vance identified. It appears he had no children. Gertrude Baughard found that the Ellijoy Baptist Church Cemetery is located 15 miles east of Maryville, Tn. The Church was organized in 1823, having met as an arm of Miller's Cave since 1818. She wonders who Margaret Vance 1865/11-25-1934 was. She was born after David Vance wrote his will, and his wife was deceased when he wrote the will.



## Kathleen's Korner

Greetings from the Sunny South. You will notice that our President/Editor has been working overtime to give my corner a new look. Thanks, Bruce.

I never cease to be amazed at our helpful membership. In the April NL 1995, there was an in-depth article on Samuel C. Vance, son of James Vance #2355, who died 1762 Frederick County, Va. Many members shared their research so we could really document this family. On page 48 of the article, we asked the question, what happened to Samuel C. Vance's son David Vance. Margaret Vance Webb picked up on this and wrote Gertrude Baughard that there was a will filed in Blount County, Tennessee for a David Vance. Gertrude ordered that copy and sent a copy to VFA. The will was dated 13 Jan 1851, Blount Co. TN. Witnesses were Peter P. Davis and Hugh M. Gamble. David signed by X. He named his 'esteemed neighbor James A. Davis of Blount County and Joseph Typton, Jr. of Savier (Sevier) Co.' as his executors. One special item of interest that we wish we could find in every will - David specified that he be interred in the burying ground of United Baptist Church of Ellijoy, besides his deceased wife. David freed his slaves, and gave them bequests. He gave Margaret Cusick, daughter of Samuel & Nancy Cusick a good bed and furniture. His estate was then divided into three parts, 1/3 to Nancy Cusick wife of Samuel Cusick (who is she - a relative of his wife? He made no reference to any kinship), 1/3 to Sister Margaret Evens (Evans) sons, and 1/3 to Sister Sarah Marney's sons. If you can identify the Cusick family, please do so. Keep up this sharing of information!

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**Lanercost Priory.** It has been my privilege each year to send a check to Lanercost Priory in Brampton, England for their Restoration Fund. The present Vicar, Christopher J. Morris acknowledged the \$200.00 gift, and expressed appreciation for our continued support. He also mentioned that the Earl of Carlisle died at the end of last year. He had by then moved out of Naworth Castle into a smaller property belonging to the family at St. Mary's Vale nor far from the Priory itself. His son George has inherited the title, but the castle itself and much of the land belonging to the former earl had already been passed over to his younger son Philip.

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**Correspondence of Sir Patrick Waus of Barnbarroch** edited by Robert Vans Agnew 1887. Mary Reed found a copy of this at the Mormon Library in Salt Lake City. This book is out of print, of course, but of interest to those who are studying the family history. Excerpts have been printed in back newsletters, along with a photo of the author. The Call # British Book Area 841 B4a. This book has also been microfilmed, and you may order it from your nearby (Mormon) Family History Library - British Film Area #1426041, Items 5-6. Thanks Mary for this update.

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Do you sometimes read articles that mention names and places that you are not familiar with? An example could be the above two paragraphs. Perhaps when you joined, you may not have realized that much has been printed concerning the Vance history that you may not know about it. This is a good opportunity to remind you that back newsletters may be ordered from our editor. These can bring you up to date on many subject matters.

### **Londonderry County, Ireland**

by Kathleen Mason

Research of Jack B. Vance, 6221 17th St., Meridian, MS. 39305. His son B. Wayne Vance, 1203 Essex Manor Ct., Alexandria, VA 22308-1000 is a VFA member. They made a trip in 1990 to see where their ancestors lived in Londonderry County, Ireland. See Jan 1995 NL Front page and pages 4-6.

The following picture is believed to be the farm house where the Vances lived before leaving Ireland. The house is near Magherfelt and Cookstown, approximately 15 miles from Belfast. The family was listed as Vants on passenger list dated December 17, 1845. on the Brit BR Liverpool which left Liverpool, England bound for New Orleans, Louisiana. Listed was Thomas 23, Margaret 18, Matilda infant, and David 18.

The house had been torn down about three years in 1990 when they visited the farm. The farm consisted of about 20 acres of a clear valley field. There were no trees on the property, just a fence around it.

The last two Vance ladies who owned the property sold the place in 1939 to W. J. (Jim) Badger, who still owns it. Mr. Badger gave his daughter Cathy and her husband Jeffery Gilmour an acre where the old house stood to build them a new home. They tore down the old house and built on the same lot.

The old Vance home consisted of the home on one end, a tool shop and storage in the middle and cattle on the other end. The original home had a thatch roof about 10 inches thick of wheat straw. It's always interesting to see a picture of our ancestor's home. This seems to be they typical home during that time frame. Thanks Jack for sharing the photo and the story.



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by Kathleen Mason

On Irene Van Royen's last ElderHostel trip, she received permission to research in the library of Castle Howard at York, England. The owner, Mr. Howard, traces his ancestry back to the Vaux of Gilsland line. Irene asked if there was anything in particular that I wished her to research for VFA. Armed with my 'wish list' she succeeded in coming home with a list of options that would be of historical interest to our family name. Contact was made with the librarian regarding early Gilsland documents, and one Lanercost Priory document.

Mr. Howard was most gracious in allowing four pages of Gilsland Cartulary to be photographed and one page Lanercost Inspeximus. The copyright to these documents are held by Castle Howard. He does not wish us to reproduce in the Newsletter. I inquired if there was a typed translation available. There is none. We have agreed to abide by the following stipulation:

"There are neither translations nor typescript of these documents, however, it will be permissible for you to reproduce the documents to requests by particular members of your society, solely for genealogical and research purposes, and with the stipulation that the document is under Castle Howard Copyright."

Signed: Dr. Christopher L. Ridgway, Librarian

If you wish to have a xerox copy of these 5 pages, send a self addressed stamped (two stamps) envelope, legal size, to Kathleen Mason, Historian, along with a check for \$10.00 payable to Vance Family Association to help defray the cost of securing these documents. In making this request, you hereby agree to abide by the above agreement, and will not reproduce. They are not to be used in any book. All old documents we have printed have been done so strictly for study. Please copy this page, sign and return with your order.

I hereby request a copy of the above mentioned documents, and agree to abide by the stipulation as set forth by Castle Howard.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_

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**NEW AND REVISED VFA PEDIGREES**

**KING, Clefaine E**

**701 W Silver Creek Road**

**Gilbert AZ 85233 5859**

(8165) KING, E C  
(8163) REED, Franklin  
(8160) VANCE, Zebadec  
(7897) VANCE, Abner  
(7899) VANCE, Robert

|                  |                  |               |
|------------------|------------------|---------------|
| B-               | D-               | M-            |
| B-10 Nov 1891 CO | D- 7 Aug 1986 CO | M-30 Dec 1913 |
| B-28 Jun 1866 TN | D- 8 Feb 1931 CO | M-23 Nov 1890 |
| B- 1820 TN       | D-13 Jun 1887 TN | M-24 Apr 1853 |
| B-Abt 1784 VA    | D- Jun 1855 VA   | M-Abt 1800 NC |

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| (8164) REED, Clefaine E  | B-19 Sep 1916 CO | D-               |
| (8162) VANCE, Capitola   | B- 3 Jul 1893 CO | D-17 Sep 1945 CO |
| (8161) JOHNSON, Charlott | B- 3 Nov 1859 NC | D- 9 Sep 1920 CO |
| (7898) WHITEHEAD, Mary   | B-Abt 1836 TN    | D- Aug 1880      |
| (7900) CARVER, Mary      | B-Abt 1782 VA    | D-               |

**KING, Dean**

**Route 8 Box 205**

**Carthage MS 39051**

(8532) KING, Belvin D  
(8544) VANCE, Lester C  
(8546) VANCE, Eddie C  
(8548) VANCE, John W

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| B-         | D- | M-               |
| B-         | D- | M- 8 Sep 1962    |
| B- 1895 MS | D- |                  |
| B- 1856 MS | D- | M-20 Dec 1887 MS |

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| (8543) VANCE, Dean    | B-26 Mar 1942 MS | D- |
| (8545) LAIRD, Emma L  | B-               | D- |
| (8547) NEESE, Artie M | B-               | D- |
| (8549) GIBSON, E A    | B-Abt 1865 MS    | D- |

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(2063) MASON, Solomon B  
(2065) MASON, John M  
(2067) HITT, Daniel M  
(102 ) MOORE, William

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| B-23 Nov 1925 MS  | D-               | M- 4 Jun 1957 MS  |
| B-22 Dec 1898 MS  | D-18 May 1991 MS | M-14 Nov 1917     |
| B-19 Nov 1857 MS  | D-15 Jan 1934 MS |                   |
| B-16 Sep 1829 AL  | D-26 Aug 1903 MS | M-28 Dec 1857     |
| B-10 Aug 1820 Ire | D-26 May 1892 MS | M-19 Feb 1843 Ire |

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| (180 ) CORLEY, Kathleen | B-26 Jun 1928 MS  | D-               |
| (2064) BASSETT, Lessie  | B-18 Sep 1901 MS  | D-               |
| (2066) HITT, Sarah E    | B-23 Oct 1856     | D- 1 Mar 1947 MS |
| (2068) MOORE, Elizabeth | B- 1 Nov 1843 Ire | D- 6 Jun 1917 MS |
| (2121) VANCE, Sarah     | B- 1 Aug 1822 Ire | D-10 Feb 1905 MS |

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(8137) NICHOLS, Homer H  
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(8141) NICHOLS, Alexander C  
(8143) NICHOLS, John  
(8145) BLACK, Joseph

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| B- 9 Mar 1953 OH | D-               | M-27 Aug 1977 OH |
| B-20 Aug 1924 OH | D-               | M-27 Jun 1943 KY |
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| B-25 Jul 1854 TN | D-11 Feb 1947 TN | M-25 Sep 1884    |
| B- 6 Oct 1818 TN | D-19 Nov 1903 TN | M-23 Jan 1845    |
| B- 4 Mar 1787 VA | D-16 Mar 1865 TN | M-13 Jan 1814 TN |
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| (8449) HUDIK, Peggy A    | B-               | D-               |
| (8136) NICHOLS, Blanche  | B-30 Oct 1924 OH | D-               |
| (8138) LYON, Reba A      | B-27 Feb 1904 TN | D-10 Dec 1975 OH |
| (8140) HOLLOWAY, Margare | B-17 Mar 1865 TN | D- 6 May 1928 TN |
| (8142) MONTGOMERY, Marga | B-26 Jan 1827 TN | D-28 Oct 1854 TN |
| (8144) BLACK, Ester V    | B- 7 Nov 1790 TN | D-18 Mar 1865 TN |
| (8146) VANCE, Ester      | B-               | D-               |

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(7 ) VANCE, Lemuel K  
(9 ) VANCE, William

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| B-25 Jul 1934 CA | D-               | M- 3 Sep 1961 NV |
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| B- 8 Feb 1779 PA | D-20 Nov 1854 OH | M-Abt 1797 PA    |

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| (2475) VANCE, Zelma  | B-28 Oct 1932 NE | D-               |
| (2477) MARSH, Ada M  | B-28 Jul 1902    | D-13 Apr 1977 CA |
| (6 ) DOGGETT, Mary L | B-25 Aug 1856 OH | D-26 Feb 1939 NE |
| (8 ) PURDY, Martha   | B-20 Dec 1828 OH | D- 1 Dec 1871 OH |
| (10 ) MINTUN, Rachel | B-27 Jan 1783 NJ | D- 1 May 1873 OH |

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(8406) VANCE, Alexander  
(8394) VANCE, Robert  
(8392) VANCE, John

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| B-24 Jul 1865 MI  | D-14 May 1953    | M-14 Nov 1895     |
| B-28 Nov 1831 Ire | D-27 May 1920 MI | M-28 Nov 1851 Ire |
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| (8390) ENGLAND, Anne M | B-19 May 1938     | D-            |
| (8434) ADAMS, Lylla M  | B-16 May 1899     | D- 1 Jun 1992 |
| (8432) STEELE, Rose M  | B-24 Jun 1876     | D- 7 Apr 1972 |
| (8411) BARNHILL, Mary  | B-18 Jan 1830 Ire | D- 1869 MI    |
| (8395) RAMSEY, Mary    | B-                | D-            |
| (8393) ALLISON, Mary   | B-                | D-            |

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(72 ) VANCE, Samuel II  
(74 ) VANCE, Samuel I

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| B-24 May 1854 TN | D- 9 Dec 1915 KY | M- 8 Apr 1885    |
| B- 1813 KY       | D- 8 Jun 1871 IN | M- 8 Jun 1845    |
| B- 1 Feb 1784 VA | D- 2 Apr 1823 TN | M-20 Oct 1807    |
| B- 1749 VA       | D- 8 Dec 1838 VA | M- 8 Jan 1778 VA |
| B-Abt 1716 Ire   | D-18 Aug 1778 VA | M-Abt 1734 VA    |

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| (8388) UNK, Margaret     | B-               | D-               |
| (8386) PIPER, Lois M     | B-               | D-13 Feb 1974 KY |
| (731 ) HUNTOON, Mary J   | B- 9 Dec 1861 NH | D-22 Jan 1949 KY |
| (733 ) THOMPSON, Susan P | B- 5 Oct 1822 KY | D- 6 Jun 1915 KY |
| (735 ) BROWN, Elizabeth  | B-               | D-               |
| (73 ) LAUGHLIN, Margare  | B- Mar 1756 PA   | D-16 Nov 1814 VA |
| (75 ) COLVILLE, Sarah    | B-Abt 1715 Ire   | D-Aft 1792 VA    |

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(8129) PARR, Unk  
(8127) DAVIDSON, Allen  
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(86 ) DAVIDSON, William M  
(88 ) VANCE, David  
(74 ) VANCE, Samuel I

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| B- 2 Jan 1780 NC | D-30 May 1846 TX | M-10 Jan 1804 NC |
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| B-Abt 1716 Ire   | D-18 Aug 1778 VA | M-Abt 1734 VA    |

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| (8131) PARR, Helen M    | B-               | D-               |
| (8128) DAVIDSON, Mary I | B-               | D-               |
| (85 ) ROGERS, MaryAnn E | B- 1 Jul 1834 NC | D- 5 Sep 1880 NC |
| (87 ) VANCE, Elizabeth  | B-23 Mar 1787 NC | D-15 Apr 1861 NC |
| (89 ) BRANK, Priscilla  | B- 1756 NC       | D- 1836 NC       |
| (75 ) COLVILLE, Sarah   | B-Abt 1715 Ire   | D-Aft 1792 VA    |

# Queries

Attempting to reunite members of the crew of a B-17 I flew on in World War II. Have located all but one, the Pilot, **Samuel T. Vance**. He would be close to 80 by now. If any VFA members know of this Samuel T. Vance please call or write:

**Robert S. Grant, POB 1088, Hoodspout, WA. 98548. 360-877-9266.**

*[The following query is a rerun from the October 95 newsletter. We mistakenly listed Marion, Co. Mississippi rather than Marion Co., Missouri and reported Nancy Elizabeth Burch as Elizabeth Burch.]*

Need a marriage license or other proof of marriage for **Robert W. Vance and Nancy Elizabeth Burch**. There a history sketch on Marion County Missouri stating they were married March 18, 1858. This may indicate they were married in Marion County. Robert's father was **Samuel Herchel Vance**. Samuel appears in the 1850 census for Lee Co., Iowa then in Marion Co., Missouri for 1860 and again in 1880. We have searched extensively without any results so any type of help appreciated. I am willing to order film or other documents to assist in my proof.

**Elizabeth Heal, 4713 Rimrock Road, Billings MT 59106**

I am seeking information on the parents of **Ester Vance Black**, b 7 Nov 1709, in Blount Co. TN, who married **John Nichols** on 13 Jan 1814 in Sevier Co. TN. I believe her parents were **Joseph Black** and **Ester Vance** but need verification. If it is true then is **Joseph Black** the son of **John Black** who founded Abingdon, VA? Would like to correspond with others researching this line.

**Peggy Rasche, 5205 Brandonway Ct., Dublin, OH. 43017**

Seeking descendants of **Joseph Vance** who married **Jane Edgar** in Green Co. KY on 23 Nov. 1808. Joseph was a son of **David Vance III** and **Sarah Quimby**. (See VFAN Apr '92, pp 36-41.) **Jane Edgar Vance** was born 2 Oct 1784 in Iredell Co. NC to **John Edgar** (14 Feb 1758 near Trenton NJ - 5 May 1835 Hart Co. KY) and **Elizabeth Cummins** or **Cummings** (13 Mar 1761 PA or Iredell Co. NC - 1 Oct 1829 Hart Co. KY), who had married in Rowan Co. NC on 8 Mar 1780 (**Edgar** dates from family Bible). **John Edgar** was recruited from Westmoreland Co. Pa for the Pennsylvania 8th Regiment, in which he served at Brandywine, Germantown, Valley Forge, etc. under Gen. **Anthony Wayne**. Also seeking ancestors of this **John Edgar**.

**Susan A. Henderson, 55 West Monroe St. #500, Chicago, IL 60603.**

Seeking information on **Edward Newman Vance** and his parents **Thomas** and **Elmira Dellinger Vance** who lived in the old Burke and Buncombe Co., areas of western North Carolina.

**Robert D. Biggs, 1155 East 58th St, Chicago, IL 60637**

Internet [r-biggs@uchicago.edu](mailto:r-biggs@uchicago.edu)

Would like to exchange information with anyone who has done research on the female lines for **Andrew[I]** or **Andrew[2] Vance** and the Irish families. I have material from the book 'We Veitches, Veatches, Veaches, Veeches' by Laurence Guthrie that gives the line of **Elizabeth Veech** back into the 1600's in Scotland. I haven't verified the sources but while in Scotland with the 1994 Vance group, I verified that **Veach/Veech/Vietch** etc. was an old Scottish name from Peebleshire. They were the owners of Dawick Castle.

**Betty Silfies, 3023 Livingston, Allentown, PA 18104.**

[CUCC06A@mail.prodigy.com](mailto:CUCC06A@mail.prodigy.com)

*[ed.: The 1 and 2 designation for these Andrew Vance's is a VFA notation to clarify references.]*

I am seeking information on **Isabelle Walker**, b 1790, daughter of **Felix Walker**. The 'History of Washington County, Tennessee' states that the **Walker** and **Vance** families are closely connected. Any assistance is appreciated. **Maxine Miller Whitman, 802 Caroline St., Port Angeles, WA 98362. 360-452-7972.**

*Queries continued on next page*

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*Queries continued*

The 1850 Russell Co. Va. (later Tazewell Co.) census shows that **Robert Vance #7899** was 67 years of age, born in South Carolina. He was living in the household of **John Vance**, age 44, born Tazewell Co., VA. The family connection has not been established. Any genealogical information on this Robert? He had a son **Abner Vance #7897** who married (1) **Caroline Winters** and (2) **Mary Whitehead**. The later in 1853.  
**Clefaine Reed King, 701 West Silver Creek Road, Gilbert, AZ 85233.**

Who were the parents of **John W. Vance**, b ca 1865, probably MS. In 1870 he was in Neshoba Co., MS census, shown as age 15, farm laborer in household of **William Tioodal(?) (Tisdale?)**. Were his parents deceased? In 1880 he is still there with wife(1) **Mary Alice** and daughter **Josephine**. By 1900 he was in Winston Co. with wife(2) **Annie (Gibson)** and four children. He may have been deceased by 1910 when his three youngest children were back in Neshoba Co. with a **Gentry** family. Any assistance appreciated.  
**Dean Vance King, Rt 8 Box 205, Carthage, MS. 39051-8808**

Have identified every Vance whose marriage is recorded in Green Co. KY between 1810 and 1900, as being a descendant of **William Vance** (c1860 - 1831), son of **Alexander Vance** who died in Green Co. c1810, except the following: 1. **Betsy Vance** who was bonded to marry **James Dobson** on 25 July 1822 with **Jesse Brunk** as surety [listed separately in Green Co. *Marriage Records 1793-1836*, pp 36-37 from the **James Dobson** who was bonded on 10 Jul 1822 to marry **Jamimah Matthews**, suspected niece of **Alexander Vance**, so there must have been two **James Dobsons**]; 2. **Sametha Vance** who married **George Squires** on 20 Aug 1857 at **James Rodgers** with **Henry Townsend** and **James Turk** as witnesses; 3. **Lethea Vance**, 22, b GC, fa b GC, mo Hart Co. who on 24 May 1883 at **Richard Vance's** with **George W. Marcum** and **Henry C. Wade** as witnesses married **David F. Montgomery**, 23, son of **Lourainy Marcum**, daughter of **Mary Vance Marcum**, daughter of **William Vance** [is she the **Lissie M.**, 8, dau **Richard Vance** listed in the 1870 HC census?]; 4. **Susan Vance**, 18, b GC, parents b GC, who on 30 Jan 1888 married **Edward T. Whitlow**, 21, b GC, parents b GC [is she the **Susan Vance**, 1, who was living with **Mary A. (Vance)** and **David Curl** or **Creel** in Green Co. at the time of the 1870 census? Was she an orphan of Mary's brother **John D. Vance**?]; and 5. **Burrell L. Vance**, 35, b Barren Co., fa b VA, mo b Barren Co., who on 6 Mar 1895 married **Nancy B. Goff**, 19, b GC, parents b GC, at **W. L. Goffs**? Can you identify or verify parents of any of them?

**Susan A. Henderson, 55 West Monroe, Suite 500, Chicago IL 60603.**

I am writing a book about my Vance line and would appreciate help in determining what life was like in Southwest Virginia and Northeast Tennessee around 1810 - 1850. My family moved between Wise Co. VA and Roan Mt., Carter Co. TN, how did they travel, what kind of trails/roads were there and what was the terrain like? These ancestors appear to qualify for the label 'hillbillies.' If so, what does this infer and how did they make a living? If you know of any resource material that may help or have personal knowledge, please contact:  
**Clefaine Reed King, 701 West Silver Creek Road, Gilbert, AZ 85233.**

*'It is indeed desirable to be well descended,  
but the glory belongs to our ancestors.'*

*Plutarch*

*From Gary Vance, Marietta, Ohio*

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Miscellaneous

Vice President Sam Vance's letter to the Hermitage as a follow up to the 1995 tour

The Hermitage  
4580 Rachel's Lane  
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Attn: Sharon Macpherson  
Deputy Director of Research

Dear Ms. Macpherson:

I have spent no small amount of time, since our biennial meeting of the Vance Family Association this past June, trying to find a copy of the Ronald Vern Jackson book American Patriots, which contains a genealogy of Andrew Jackson showing a Vance in his forebears, for donation to the Hermitage. It is apparently a task with little hope of success, so, with the concurrence of our Board of Directors, I have decided to take an alternative approach. I was able to obtain a good, legible copy of the chart itself, from a copy of the book at the Mormon research library in Salt Lake City, and hereby send it to you for inclusion in your files. As mentioned in previous letters, our historian, Kathleen Mason, still has some reservations about the accuracy of the chart, not that there was a Vance woman in Jackson's ancestry but in which generation. Also, in lieu of a full copy of the book, enclosed is a check for \$200.00 as an unrestricted gift to the Hermitage, in appreciation for both your help and services as speaker at our meeting and the entire staff of the Hermitage for their efforts at restoring and maintaining a historically significant monument to a genuine American and Southern hero.

Again, our thanks and appreciation for your help and cooperation and that of the rest of the staff and volunteers.

Very truly yours,  
Samuel L. Vance  
Vice President  
Vance Family Association

Special Notice:

If you received a July 1988 newsletter and the front cover displayed the note "The picture originally placed here has become unrecognizable due to copying" rather than a picture, drop me a note, we can now replace that front page with one that has a picture. Those of you who have recently purchased the 10 year set of newsletters will probably have this particular cover. The Editor.

Tartan Ties

Mark Vance has about 10 Tartan Ties in the new modern Vance colors available for \$15.00 each. Mark is also the source for any future Tartan orders. He can be reached at: 1401 15th St, Anacortes, WA 98221

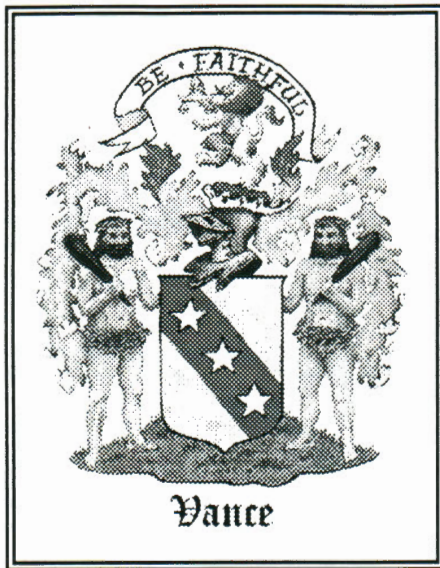
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Obituaries

We are saddened to hear of the passing of Marcia Corrigan O'Neal of Richmond, Indiana on October 29, 1995. Marcia was a dedicated genealogist and one of the original members of the VFA. She contributed large volumes of valuable research to this organization. Her Vance lineage was from her grandmother to the David Vance Sr., Major William Vance/Mary Gilkenson line. She was the subject of an article in the October 1994 VFA newsletter which highlighted her diligent efforts in creating early newspaper indexes.

Our condolences to the family of Mable Vance Talbert of Lebanon, Virginia who died August 10th, 1995. Mable had been a member of the VFA since 1987. She had a double Vance line back to Abner Vance/Susannah Howard.





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***Wigtonshire, Scotland***  
*Holding the Barnbarroch Farm Ledger*



*Photo by Paula Vance*

***Gracious Hostess***  
***VFA Visits to Scotland***

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Invitation to Join

**The Vance Family Association**



**GOAL:** To research and record the origins of the Vance Family.

**PURPOSE:** Collect literary, historical, and genealogical records and relics relating to the Vance families. To preserve this collection in an established Vance Family archive.

**THE VFA** is non-profit, non-political, non-discriminatory and non-sectarian. Members receive quarterly newsletters which include articles by the Association Historian, selected summarized pedigrees, queries and research items of interest from other members.

New members are encouraged to submit pedigree charts of their Vance lines. The VFA will provide pedigree sheets and assistance in completion.

National biannual conferences meetings are held to elect officers, conduct necessary business and allow members to meet in person.

**ORGANIZED:** August of 1984

You are cordially invited to join the **VANCE FAMILY ASSOCIATION**. The growth of the VFA is dependent on member participation, so we sincerely hope you will consider joining us in this endeavor to share research information and to promote the proud heritage of our Vance name.

To join, simply fill out the form and return it with your check made out to **VANCE FAMILY ASSOCIATION**. As soon as possible or with this form submit a pedigree chart with your line of Vance ancestry. This will be recorded and a copy sent to you for editing.

Membership is annually renewable on the first of January each year. Late memberships of any year will receive all back issues for that given year of membership. Membership dues paid after October 1st will become active on January 1 of the following year unless otherwise noted.

Yes, I wish to join the **VANCE FAMILY ASSOCIATION**  
(Please check applicable boxes)

- ☐ Individual..... \$15.00
- ☐ Supporting ..... \$25.00
- ☐ Organization.....\$15.00 (Libraries, Genealogical Societies,etc)
- ☐ Additional mailing fee of \$6.00 for members in Mexico and Canada
- ☐ Additional mailing fee of \$20.00 for members in other foreign countries
- ☐ I do not wish to join VFA but am sending my Vance genealogical information.

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## President-Editor's Message

**Database.** Research activity continues at a rapid pace. The database is growing with new lines and the siblings from the early families. Numbers alone, of course, don't tell the story but we are closing in on 10,000 names. Lines are consolidating and it is increasingly common for new members to hook up to existing lines. There is a lot of work to be done in adding and correcting the notes. We need to reformat the notes to conform to the established standards.

**Membership.** We have over 325 active members which is high for this time of the year. Texas is closing in on California as the state having the most members. The sponsoring of local historical or genealogical associations has slowed up, much to my personal disappointment although I do feel that most serious Vance researchers are VFA members.

**San Antonio.** Pencil your calendar for April or May of 1997 for the VFA meeting in San Antonio, Texas. Our Secretary, Bob Vance and his wife are scouting the area this month. We have changed the traditional June dates to spring to stay out of the heat and to avoid the summer vacationers.

VFA member Peggy Vance Kopmann grew up in San Antonio so she volunteered to provide a glimpse of what to see while attending the 1997 meeting.

"The places I most treasure in San Antonio are the Missions, all five of them, the walk along the San Antonio River (beautified during WPA days), or a boat ride down the river) do eat delicious Mexican food in the busy West Side. Take a walk through the restored Mexican village - La Villita. Across the street from La Villita are the Hemisphere grounds - built for the 1968 fair with interesting cultural and historical exhibits. If time permits Brackenridge Park is a local treasure.

Located in the heart of the city is the Alamo, thanks to the persevering work of the ladies in the Conservation Society. The Alamo is the first mission. My favorite is Espada and there is San Jose with its famous Rose Window, Conception, and San Juan Capistrano, all located south of the city.

VFA'ers will be interested in the Old Vance Homestead just across the street from the red granite Bexar County Courthouse. A stone throw away is the historical San Fernando Cathedral and the Spanish Governor's Palace

Take a look at the historical old homes on King William Street which isn't too far from the Vance Homestead.

About 28 miles due west of San Antonio on the Medina River is a quaint village settled in 1844 by Alsations. Their strong influence still remains and worth visiting is the Landmark Inn(Vance Hotel), once a stagecoach stop, now a historic landmark."

**Mapper Software.** Interest in the mapper software was significant enough that I am repeating the offer from the January newsletter. For a copy of this (Mapper 5.1) program, write to: Russ Holsclaw, 7472 Mt. Sherman Rd., Longmont, CO. 80503 or send me a blank disk (3 1/2), disk mailer and postage. It has instructions and a sample.

Mapper 6.0 is the commercial and more powerful version of this program. It is available at the same place. It sells for \$24.95 plus \$2 shipping, no credit cards.

There are other excellent mapper programs available. Deed Mapper 1.21 Developed by Steve Broyles. Available from Direct Line Software, 71 Neshobe Road, Newton, MA 02168. 617 527-9566. \$99.00. This program allows you to build entire neighborhoods. The recording of data results in a 'Deed database.' I intend to purchase this software and will report my impressions.

Map Expert 2.0. Listed price \$295 but 'street price' is probably much less. Appears to be powerful. If anyone has experience with Map Expert please share your observations.

*Enuff, go find an ancestor and plant a tree*

**Cissy Vance**  
**Portyerroch Farm**  
**Wigtonshire, Whithorn, Scotland**  
*By Kathleen Mason*

This article is a tribute to Cissy Vance. She and her family ably assisted Alec Vans in the preparation of the picnic food in 1984 held at Kirkinner City Hall, instead of at Barnbarroch due to the inclement weather. This was no small feat, considering the uncertainty of the number who would attend from all over the world. She also invited 'the clan' to her rose garden for a tea. Just the thought or mention of her name invokes warm memories. Because of the bond that we immediately felt for each other in this historical area, the ultimate result was the founding of Vance Family Association. Two other VFA tour groups have visited with Cissy, as well as several individuals.

The widow of John Vance, Cissy and her sons have several dairy farms containing about 1200 acres of beautiful land in the Wigtonshire area of Scotland. Her home faces Wigton Bay, where just across the road is a nice beach. She always had full time help at the house until the late 1980's, so she and her eight children, John William, twins Robert Findley and David Lindsay, Alan Harvey, Isabel Mary, Elizabeth Gibson, Jane Louise and Andrew Forsyth used to play and picnic on the beach daily. All her children are married except John who lives with Cissy and runs that dairy farm.

The family dairy farms are very modern and efficient. They have Holstein and Ayshire cattle. Their farms have such names as Burrow Head, Falhaeweewer, Portyerroch, etc. This is the normal practice in Scotland, evidenced by the photo of Cissy on the front of this newsletter. She is holding the old Barnbarroch Farm Ledger. Listed are farms names such as Dirleton and Gilsland, which plainly traces the genealogical roots of the family to the Vaux/Vaus family of Dirleton Castle and Vaux of Gilsland. What a clever way to show your heritage.

Cissy is concerned that the broad Scottish brogue will be gone and forgotten within 25 years. She is making a list of frequently used words that will be put in a Broad Scottish Dictionary.

Her enthusiasm for life, friends, and family is evidenced by the fact that she can burst into song or a poem at any time as the occasion arises. At the Mary Queen of Scots House at Jedburg, Scotland in the beautiful garden, she suddenly stood and began reciting a beautiful poem about the sad life of Mary Queen of Scots, with all the theatrical gestures. She said she recently memorized the poem by studying it each night. While at Dirleton Castle in the chapel area, she began singing a lovely version of Psalm 23 in that lovely Broad Scottish accent.

She is active in several clubs in her area, as well as in her church, which is Church of Scotland (Presbyterian) located at Whithorn on the grounds of the site of the old historical Whithorn Priory. This was the seat of ecclesiastical power for the Vaus family which furnished two Bishops and many Priors for Whithorn Priory. The shrine of St. Ninian at Whithorn was for centuries one of the most famous of Scottish places of pilgrimage, attracting visitors from all parts of the British Isles. Some of the visitors were King Robert the Bruce, his son King David II, James III, IV and V, as well as Mary Queen of Scots.

Thank you Cissy for the welcome that you have given to these present day pilgrims. A sign in Scotland says "Haste ye back to Scotland". May it be so.



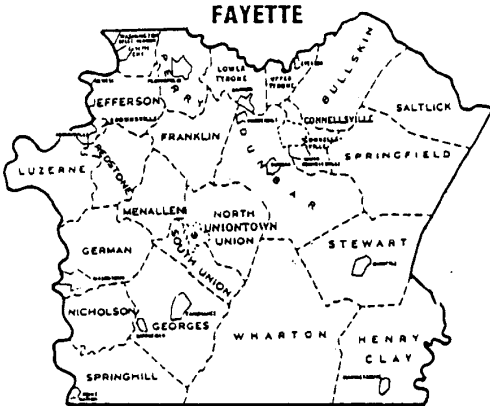
Resource Materials: : Personal visit by Kathleen Mason; letter from Cissy Vance; letter from Paula Vance, who visited Cissy at my suggestion; Guidebook of Whithorn.

## Selected Early Deeds from Fayette County, Pennsylvania

*Bruce Vance*

*(Note: Numbers following names are the VFA database designation)*

Following the 1993 VFA meeting in Pittsburgh, I spent some time in Uniontown at the Fayette County Court House researching land deeds. My general purpose was to find leads to the parents of my gr-gr grandfather, William Vance(9). There were too many references to cover in two days so I listed the book and page numbers from the earliest Grantor and Grantee Deed Indexes and had copies of the documents sent to me. I selected the Vance given names of William, Davis, Hugh, Samuel, Thomas, Ezekiel, Jacob and Sarah to be copied. I felt these had a chance of being in my lineage. I added Crawford at the last minute as there was a Crawford Vance that was closely allied to a William Vance. (Turned out to not be from my line.) Some of the deeds covered more than one Vance so there were duplications and other Vance given names showed up. Several non-land transactions are included as they were in the indexes. They appeared to be relevant so I left them in. Although all the documents are supposed to be from early transactions there was one dated 1931. It involved Vance's Mill and earlier land deeds so I included it.



There are at least two distinct sets of Vances in early Fayette County. They can be loosely classified as the upper (northern) and southwestern Fayette County Vance's. The northern Vances are found primarily in Tyronne and Connellsville Townships. I believe these are the 'typical' Vances of Scots-Irish ancestry and Presbyterian faith. The southwestern group, my ancestors, are Baptist and primarily populated the area of Georges and Union Township. Their European origins have not been established. I found this supporting paragraph in 'The Monongahela of Old,'<sup>1</sup> 'The Baptist were early in the field in this county, as early as 1766--8. The settled generally near Uniontown, on Georges Creek and Redstone.' The article goes on to mention familiar names found in the deed documents. The two groups of Vances appear to never mix in deed transactions. I make these points as there are so many common names between the families that errors can easily accrue. The given names of William and Samuel in particular require detailed attention.

My gr-gr-grandfather, William Vance(9), wife Rachel Mintun(10), probably had three brothers. None have been proven but the evidence is very strong that Davis Vance(3101), wife Hannah Tedrick(3102), is a brother. Hugh Vance, wife Margaret Tedrick, is probable and Samuel Vance, wife Levina John, is possible. The later two, Hugh and Samuel are not in the VFA database. William and Davis migrated to Highland County, Ohio. Hugh died in Fayette County, Pennsylvania and Samuel migrated to Greene County, Wisconsin. The possible connection and migration of Samuel is new and will add some entertaining research. There is an excellent article in the January 1989 VFA newsletter by my distinguished cousin, Joe Gardner describing the family and the reasons for migrating.

William can be found selling his Fayette County land in deeds 63-519 and W-213 in 1837 before moving to Highland County, Ohio. 280 acres 62 perches are sold. V-157 and V-160 are notes that support the sales. William and Rachel possibly purchased this land in documents M-268 in 1824 and P-363 in 1832. There are two earlier purchases that also may have been theirs, K-275 in 1813 and M-268 in 1817. Later in Z-290 William gives power of attorney to Samuel Hatfield, a son-in-law, who stayed in Fayette County. William was probably having some difficulty collecting on the above sales. I tried to balance the amount of purchases and sales but was advised by a professional genealogist who specializes in Pennsylvania that the exercise is normally futile.

Davis Vance(3101) migrated to Highland County before William and Rachel. All but one of his 13 or 14 children were born in Fayette Co., PA however no land deeds were found that apply to this Davis. This is an unsettling aspect that will require more research.

Hugh Vance (Margaret Tedrick) can be found buying land in deed L-164. He died in 1827 and William as his administrator can be found buying land for his estate in deed Q-260. Hughs widow migrated to Highland County Ohio, probably with a son or with William and Rachel.

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Samuel Vance (Levina John) sells inherited land in deeds 2-455 and 2-466. Later, they appear in Sylvester, Green Co., Wisconsin, selling land from Hugh Vance's estate to George Vance who is in Highland County, Ohio. I believe when William Vance went to Highland County, Samuel replaced him as the administrator for Hugh Vances estate. George Vance is Hugh's son. Later, there is a Hugh Vance who is in Wisconsin and sells all his interest in 'any lands in Fayette Co.' for \$1000. This may be a son of Samuel or Hugh.

Other descendants of William, Davis and Hugh can be seen throughout the deeds. Thomas Vance(7962) and his transactions concerning what became Vance's Mill are especially visible.

Abbreviated Families of William, Davis and Hugh:

(HC = Highland County, Ohio)

**William Vance (9) b 1779 PA? d 1854 HC OH m Rachel Mintun (10) b 1783 NJ d 1873 HC OH**

Children: (all born in Fayette Co., PA) **Isaac b 1801 d 1882 HC OH m Mary Brown, Rebecca b 1802 d 1862 PA m Samuel Hatfield, Thomas b 1804 d 1888 PA m Anne ?, Ann b 1805 m Rev Levi Griffith, Jacob b 1806 d 1855 HC OH m Lydia Conn, William F b 1807 d 1884 HC OH m Jane ?, Rachel b 1809 m James Tilton, Comfort b 1812 d 1848 HC OH m James Arnett, Mary b 1814 d 1881 HC OH m John Freeman Wheaton, Mintun b 1816 d KS (?) m Matilda Teanor, Brownfield b 1817 d 1900 HC OH m Elizabeth Fouch, Davis b 1819 d aft 1839 m Ann Conn, Mehatable b 1820 d 1844 HC OH m William Conn, Lemuel K b 1822 d 1889 OH m Martha Purdy, Leusey b 1824 m John McConnaughey, Margaret b 1827 d 1904 HC OH m Thomas Vance, Ruth b 1828 m James McConnaughey.**

**Davis Vance (3101) b 1786 PA? d 1837 HC OH m Hannah Tedrick b 1788 (possibly MD) d 1877 HC OH**

Children: (all born in Fayette Co., PA) **Mary Elizabeth b 1808 d 1888 OH m Andrew McConnaughey, Jacob J b 1809 d 1890 HC OH m Rachel Gaddis, Rosanna b 1811 m Elias Hatfield, Anna b 1812 m Lewis Johnson, Hannah b 1814 m Moses Whistler, Lewis b 1816 d 1876 HC OH m Lucinda James, Isaiah b 1817 d 1843 m Abby Pence, Eliza b 1819 d 1901 HC OH m Thomas Purdy Lemon, Davis Jefferson b 1821 d 1899 HC OH m Eliza Jane Purdy, William b 1823 d 1894 HC OH m Mary Elizabeth McConnaughey, Thomas b 1825 d 1860 m Louisa McConnaughey, Andrew b 1826 m Harriet Gibler, Margaret b 1828 m George McConnaughey. (Another child may be added to this line, Harriet b 1832.)**

**Hugh Vance b 1775 PA? d 1827 PA m Margaret Tedrick b aft 1791 d aft 1878 HC OH**

Children: **Rosa m R B Allenworth, Maria b 1810 d bef 1878 m Alex Husted, Malinda b 1812 Fayette Co., PA m Samuel Reese (see deeds 41-322 & 41-457), Eliza b 1814 m Oliver Saunders, Samuel b 1816, Ezekial b 1818, Keziah b 1820 m Bowell Brownfield, George b abt 1825 Uniontown, Fayette Co., PA d abt 1891 m Lydia Wilson, Hugh b 1827.**

A family hasn't been constructed for **Samuel Vance (Levina John).**

One interesting and different document concerned a divorce between Comfort (Minton) Johnston (my gr-gr grandfather William Vance's sister in law) and Jacob Johnston. It stated that if they were to be separated 'one third of all real and personal estate to be held by William Vance for the maintenance of Comfort.' Continuing, if they were reunited, Comfort was to be a dutiful wife and was to be **respected by Jacob**. I noted that two post revolutionary deeds used pounds for exchange and not dollars. Another noted an amount as being 'one half a Spanish milled dollar.' Each of these causes a researcher to wonder, speculate and enjoy.

The documents were extremely hard to read. I used question marks to indicate unreadable parts and best guesses. If you use these documents for establishing important links, I suggest obtaining a copy and doing your own translation and analysis.

Land measurements were generally followed by the phrase 'strict measure' which our Historian informs me means the property has been surveyed. Others said 'more or less.' It follows that they weren't surveyed. Both measurements and total acreage included the term 'Perch.' A perch in length or width means 5 1/2 yards or 16 1/2 feet. In total acreage there are 158 square perches per acre.

<sup>1</sup>James Veech, The Monongahela of Old (Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Co., 1975), p. 101.



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**Legend: GR = Grantor (Seller), GE = Grantee (Buyer), Wit/Off = Witnesses and Officials.**

GE William Vance of Uniontown from GR Jacob Beeson (Elizabeth) of Uniontown Lot 72 1/2 feet x 150 feet in Uniontown for 45 pounds 12 Nov 1795 Bk: B Pg: 345. Ajoins: John Woods, Peter (?) Wit/Off Jonathan Rowland Note: 'subject to the payment of one-half of a Spanish milled dollar to be paid on the first day ? at the town of Union in each and every year forever' Futher states that William must build and maintain a dwelling house of at least 20' square. Appears to be a lot in the town of Uniontown.

GR William (Sarah) Vance to GE John Wood, Esquire Lot of ground in ? for 100 pounds 20 Mar 1804 Bk: F Pg: 8.  
Note: Land not described or located.

GE William Vance of Georges Twp from GR Azel Freeman(Fanny) of Georges Twp 65A 18P in Georges Twp for \$658 5 Sep 1813 Bk: K Pg: 275. Ajoins: Wm Morgan, George Custard, Azel Freeman, J Fouch, Widow Reid Wit/Off Samuel Sahley, James Lindsay

GE William Vance of Georges Twp from GR Azel Freeman(Fanny) of Georges Twp 5 1/2A 30P in Georges Twp for \$108 75 1 Oct 1817 Bk: M Pg: 268. Ajoins: George Custard, Wm Vance Wit/Off Enoch Abraham, Jacob Fouch

GE Hugh Vance of Georges Twp from GR John Emery (Elizabeth) of Wharton Twp 4A 3 1/2 P in Georges Twp for \$500 4 Dec 1817 Bk: L Pg: 164. Ajoins: Ezekiel Ayers, Nathaniel ?, James Huey, Jonas Huey, Joseph (?) Wit/Off John Cooch (?), James Priant (?)

GR Ezekial Vance (Sarah Burnett & heirs of John Burnett) to GE Samuel Harris 54 3/4A in Menallen for \$600 1 Aug 1819 Bk: M Pg: 482. Ajoins: Asa Murphy, John Coles (?), Silas Marsh, William Raylis, John Heston Wit/Off Robt Thompson, ? Baldridge, Cyrus Beatty Note: Signed in Guernsey Co., OH, Sarah Burnett Vance is widow of ? Burnett

GR Samuel Vance (Esther & heirs of Wm & John Watson) to GE Isaac Jackson Part of 60A in Menallen for \$36 8 May 1821 Bk: N Pg: 51. Wit/Off Daniel & Simon Johnson

GE William Vance of Fayette Co from GR John Hagan (Margaret) 152A 7P in Union Twp for \$2280.70 21 Aug 1824 Bk: N Pg: 337. Ajoins: William Sattles (Lattles?) Wit/Off Enoch & Anna Abraham

GE Hugh Vance (William Vance, Admin) from GR Jonas Huey (Mary) of Fayette Co. 2A 18P in Georges Twp for \$73.83 2 Sep 1829 Bk: Q Pg: 260. Ajoins: Joseph Leatherman, Jonas Huey, heirs of Hugh Vance Wit/Off Samuel Nixon, Margaret Vance Note: Could Hughs wife Margaret Tedrick Vance be a witness?

GE William Vance & Crawford Vance of Tyronne from GR John Vance (Mary) of Tyronne 5 3/4A 7P & 240 A 51P & Building in Tyronne Twp for \$500 26 Apr 1831 Bk: 2 Pg: 244 & 245. Ajoins: Thomas Boyd, Wm Boyd, James Wade formerly Ben Whaley, James Hurst for John Stephens, Peter Gally from Philip Meason, Philip Gally & John Rice for Wm Connell. Note: Johns share of Moses Vance estate.

GE William Vance from GR Levi Griffith(Anne Vance) 129A 125P in Union Twp for \$1537.50 22 Jun 1832 Bk: P Pg: 363. Ajoins: Abraham Brown, John Griffith, Isaac Hagen, John Brown Wit/Off Clement Wood, Jacob Ott Note: Anne Griffith is William Vance's daughter.

GE Jacob Vance of Tyronne from GR John Newcomer(?) (Barbara) of Tyronne 48 1/8A in Tyronne for \$1150 20 May 1834 Bk: S Pg: 490. Ajoins: Jacob Newcomer, Jacob Steward, John M. Wit/Off Noble C Mc?, H Gob?

GE Samuel Vance of Georges Twp from GR Moses Nixon (Jane) of Georges Twp 92A in Georges Twp for \$640 2 Apr 1835 Bk: X Pg: 374. Ajoins: James Hughs, Joseph Swaney, Daniel Delany, Owen Hughs Wit/Off Davis Gaddis, Jane (?) Smilie, Squire Ayers

GE Crawford Vance & Elisha Clayton of Connellsville from GR Jos, Susan & Mary Trevor Lot 1/4 A in Connellsville for \$500 9 Nov 1836 Bk: X Pg: 190.

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GE Samuel Vance (Kaine, Vance & Miller) of Dunbar from GR Henry Blackstone of Connellsville 199A 41P in Dunbar for 120 Tons of Pig Iron 23 Jun 1837 Bk: V Pg: 215. Ajoins: Jacob Liehly, James Wilkens heirs, Joseph Torrance, William ? heirs, Sarah Weaver, Wm Patterson heirs, Jacob Vance Wit/Off Henry Lewis, Geo Ewing

GR William (Rachel) Vance of Union Twp to GE John Davis of Georges Twp 133A 53P in Georges Twp for \$4127 20 Sep 1837 Bk: 63 Pg: 519. Ajoins: John Thomas, J Orr(?), J Sutton, J McLelland Wit/Off Thomas Vance, Squire Ayers

GE William Vance of Georges Twp from GR John Thomas of Georges Twp 148A 9P in Mortgage for \$1032.36 20 Sep 1837 Bk: V Pg: 157. Note: See W213. This is a note with a schedule of payments. There are 3 further references to payments. 4 Oct 1838 438.13 to Wm Vance, 8 Mar 1843 to J Gaddis, 10 ? 1848 to Samuel Hatfield.

GE William Vance of Georges Twp from GR John Davis of Georges Twp 133A 83P in Mortgage for \$1839.20 20 Sep 1837 Bk: V Pg: 160. Ajoins: John Thomas, J Orr, J McLelland Wit/Off Squire Ayers Note: See 63-519. This is a note with two payments of 919.60 to be paid 1 Oct 1838 and 1839. First payment received 2 Oct 1838. 13 Sep 1841 \$600 received.

GR William (Rachel) Vance of Uniontown to GE John Thomas of Georges Twp 147A 9P in Georges Twp for \$3372 20 Sep 1837 Bk: W Pg: 213. Ajoins: John Davis, Wendall North, J Parr, Adam Brown Wit/Off Squire Ayers, Henry Griffith

GR Samuel (Nancy) Vance (Kaine, Vance & Miller) of Dunbar to GE James Robinson of Dunbar 133A 32P in Dunbar for \$3330 17 Oct 1837 Bk: V Pg: 217. Ajoins: Jacob Liehly's heirs, James Wilkens, Samuel Vance, William Rogers heirs, William Patterson heirs, Jacob Vance Wit/Off Henry Lewis, Joseph Miller

GR William Vance of Tyronne & Crawford (Susan) Vance of Connellsville to GE Martin Stouffer of Tyronne 94A 33P in Tyronne for \$3767.25 15 Mar 1838 Bk: V Pg: 412. Ajoins: Thomas Boyd, Samuel Bluches, James Wade Wit/Off Henry Lewis, Geo Rogers Note: From Estate of Moses, Wm & Crawford purchased from brothers & sisters

GE Thomas Vance of Franklin or Dunbar from GR Andrew Caughey (Martha) of Millcreek, Eire Co., PA 87A 2P in Dunbar, Redstone Creek for \$870 26 May 1838 Bk: 2 Pg: 327. Ajoins: Wm Craig (decd) Wit/Off A N Brewster, James Feath (?)

GR Crawford Vance (Susan) of Connellsville to GE William Vance of Tyronne 162A 21P in Tyronne for \$1105 28 Jun 1838 Bk: W Pg: 168. Ajoins: James Wade, Martin Stouffer, John Rist, Peter ?, James Hurst, Benj Whaley Wit/Off Henry Lewis, James Page Note: Part of Moses Vance estate from John Vance

GE Samuel Vance of Dunbar from GR Samuel Page (Mary) of Connellsville 2 lots & dwelling in Connellsville for \$3000 14 Dec 1838 Bk: W Pg: 217. Wit/Off Herman Gebhart, James Page

GE Crawford Vance of Connellsville from GR Samuel Trevor (Catherine) of Cincinnati, Joseph Trevor (Caroline) of Allegheny Town, PA, Mary & Susan Trevor of Philadelphia, PA. of Lot in Connellsville for \$500 11 Apr 1839 Bk: X Pg: 191.

GR Samuel (Nancy) Vance of Connellsville to GE Samuel Page of Dunbar 4 lots in Connellsville for \$2900 23 Aug 1839 Bk: X Pg: 211. Wit/Off Herman Gebhart, Samuel Page Note: Includes Samuels residence

GR Samuel Vance to GE Daniel Kane 11 Mar 1844 Bk: 2 Pg: 161. Wit/Off James M. ?, M. B. King, Frances Lindsay Note: Transfers all interest in various partnerships, Kaine, Vance & Miller. Mentions Laurel Furnace, Benton Saw Mill, Foster Vance & Co., Samuel Blocker, Abraham Brown, Jepe Arnold, George W. Vance, Joseph Strickler, Samuel Page

GR Levina (Samuel) Vance & Garnet Patton (Ruth) & William Blackford (Rachel) of Georges Twp to GE John Brownfield 24 1/2A in Georges Twp for \$550 9 Apr 1845 Bk: 2 Pg: 455. Ajoins: John Husted, John Brownfield, J Custer, James Shoaff Wit/Off James Brownfield, John Patton Note: Heirs of Daniel John

GR Levina (Samuel) Vance & Garnet Patton (Ruth) & William Blackford (Rachel) of Georges Twp to GE John A Patton of Smithfield 118A 25P in Georges Twp for \$2084.50 9 Apr 1845 Bk: 2 Pg: 466. Ajoins: Wm Blackford, Samuel Cooley, Widow Davis, Isaiah Custer, Samuel Vance, James Shoaff, C Bowell Wit/Off James & John Brownfield Note: Heirs of Daniel John



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GR William Vance of New Market Twp, Highland Co. Ohio to GE Samuel Hatfield of Fayette Co. 13 Apr 1847 Bk: Z Pg: 290. Wit/Off W Doggett & Wesley Doggett - Highland Co., Ohio Note: *Power of Attorney to son-in-law, husband of Anne Vance*

GE Samuel Vance & Samuel Anderson & A. Miller from GR Samuel Evans 45A 86P in Georges Twp for \$1475 12 Oct 1848 Bk: 4 Pg: 277. Ajoins: Samuel Evans, William Swaney, Daniel Evans, John Dickinson, J. Ewing(?), Enos Sturgis Wit/Off Daniel Shell(?)

GE William Vance of Tyronne from GR Mary Lang Cunningham (James) of Tyronne 33A ?P in Tyronne Twp for \$1330 23 Mar 1850 Bk: 5 Pg: 441. Ajoins: Wm Vance, James Wade, Frances Boyd, James Hurst, Mary & J Cunningham, Shericks(?) heirs, Peter Galley Wit/Off Mathew Wray, Ebenezer Moore Note: *2 Parcels of land. Mary Lang & three sisters inherited land from Alexander Lang.*

GR William Vance of Tyronne to GE John Keyser of Tyronne ?A 10P in Tyronne for \$769.78 20 Mar 1852 Bk: 7 Pg: 241. Ajoins: James (?), Wm Vance, James Wade, Frances Boyd, Tom or John West Wit/Off Mathew Wray, Jacob Felger Note: *Part of 5-441*

GE Thomas Vance from GR George Shaffer Grist Mill in Redstone Creek, So Union for \$769.44 13 Apr 1852 Bk: 19 Pg: 416. Wit/Off William Bryson, Thomas N Fern, T A Holdemin Note: *Vance buys out Shaffer & releases Shaffer from their note with Strickler.*

GE Thomas Vance of Fayette Co. from GR David Woodward (Mary) of Fayette Co. 18A 57P in Dunbar for \$275 6 Jul 1852 Bk: 8 Pg: 204. Ajoins: James Curry, Thomas Vance, Davis Woodward Wit/Off Wm Bay(?), Joseph Strickler

GR William Vance of Tyronne to GE John Keyser 7A 83P in Tyronne for \$465.375 (half cent) 9 Mar 1855 Bk: 9 Pg: 337. Ajoins: Wm Vance, James Wade Wit/Off Adam Byesly, Wm McCray Note: *Part of W-168*

GR Samuel (Nancy) Vance & A. Miller (Nancy) & Samuel Anderson (Nancy) of Georges Twp to GE Richard Kiger of Georges Twp 20A in Georges Twp for \$1000 25 Mar 1857 Bk: 11 Pg: 20. Ajoins: Benj Hancock, Robert Britt, Samuel Vance, Samuel Anderson, Daniel Moser Wit/Off G F Hill, G W Hertzog

GR Samuel (Nancy) Vance & A. Miller (Nancy) of Georges Twp to GE Samuel Anderson of Georges Twp 10A in Georges Twp for \$324 25 Mar 1857 Bk: 11 Pg: 312. Ajoins: Samuel Vance, Richard Triges, John Hibbs, William Vance Wit/Off G F Hill, G W Hertzog

GR Samuel (Nancy) Vance & Miller & Anderson of Georges Twp to GE William Vance of Georges Twp 5A in Georges Twp for \$162 25 Mar 1857 Bk: 112 Pg: 482. Ajoins: John Hibbs, Dan'l Moser, Abraham Miller, Samuel Anderson

GR William Vance of Tyronne to GE Abraham Overholt of Westmoreland Co. 15A 67P in Tyronne for \$770.94 28 Apr 1858 Bk: 24 Pg: 346. Ajoins: John Keyser, Wm Vance, Frederick Kern, A Overholt Wit/Off James Dixon, C R Stenecker, C S Overholt Note: *Moses Vance land from John Vance.*

GE William Vance of Tyronne from GR James Wade (decd) of Westmoreland Co., PA 1 A 142P in Tyronne Twp for None 23 Oct 1858 Bk: 11 Pg: 405. Ajoins: William Vance, James Wade Wit/Off Josiah Kurtz, Samuel Freeman Note: *Stouffer & Lindley are admin., settles a prior claim*

GR William Vance of Tyronne to GE John & Joseph Rist of Tyronne 1A 142P in Tyronne for None 23 Oct 1858 Bk: 11 Pg: 406. Wit/Off L Lindby, M B Stouffer Note: *See 11-405*

GR William Vance of Tyronne to GE Frederick Kerns of Tyronne 12A 62P in Tyronne for \$495.50 14 Dec 1858 Bk: 11 Pg: 592. Ajoins: Peter Gallery, Wm Vance, Ebenezer More, James Parkhill Wit/Off James Dixon, Samuel Newmyer, C R Stonecker Note: *From land acquired in 5-441*

GR William Vance of Tyronne to GE Samuel Heath of Tyronne 66p in Tyronne for \$25 4 Apr 1859 Bk: 13 Pg: 483. Ajoins: J Rist, Wm Vance, Heath Wit/Off Joseph Bueller, Samuel ?myer, C R Stonecker Note: *Part of 11-405*

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GR William Vance (Admin for Archibald Braden) to GE Mary Braden 1A 132P in Tyronne for \$300 27 Apr 1863 Bk: 38 Pg: 508. Ajoins: Heirs of John Strickler, Ebenezer Moore, Joseph Strickler Wit/Off Joseph Strickler, Solomon Strickler, Martin Stauffer Note: *Widow buys land & house.*

GR William Vance of Tyronne to GE George W. Boyd of Tyronne 147 3/4A in Tyronne for \$10,342.50 6 Apr 1864 Bk: 15 Pg: 195. Ajoins: Geoffrey Keiffer, Peter Galley, Thomas Johnston, Nathan Oberholt, John Keyser, heirs of Peter Rist, Samuel ?entle Wit/Off Josiah Kurtz, Samuel Kurtz Note: *Except for right of way to John Keyser*

GE William Vance of Fayette Co. from GR John K Anderson (Lydia M.) of Green Co., WI. 3 1/2A in Georges Twp for \$400 4 Jun 1864 Bk: 85 Pg: 355. Ajoins: Wm Miller Wit/Off B Dunnwiddie - Green Co., WI John Sutherland, Wm Wright PA Note: *On road from Uniontown to Morgan, WV.*

GR William Vance of Tyronne to GE Godfrey Keifer of Tyronne 1 1/2A in Tyronne for \$150 25 Mar 1865 Bk: 16 Pg: 193. Ajoins: Heirs of Peter Rist, George Boyd, Samuel ? Wit/Off N C Cormick, A J Rogers Note: *Part of Moses Vance Land, taken at valuation by William and Crawford Vance.*

GR Crawford (Susan) Vance of Connellsville to GE Joseph Newcomer of Connellsville 1/8A in Connellsville for \$2900 31 Mar 1865 Bk: 9 Pg: 339. Ajoins: Wm McCray, Josiah Kunz Note: *City Lot*

GR Crawford Vance (Exec for Elisha Clayton (Sarah)) of Connellsville to GE Gustumas Bash Lot in Connellsville for \$1200 1 Jun 1865 Bk: 16 Pg: 331.

GR Crawford Vance (Exec for Elisha Clayton (Sarah)) of Connellsville to GE Samuel Freeman 2A in Connellsville for \$327 1 Jun 1865 Bk: 16 Pg: 352.

GR Crawford Vance (Exec for Elisha Clayton) of Connellsville to GE William McCray Lot in Connellsville for \$116 1 Jun 1865 Bk: 16 Pg: 519.

GR Davis Vance of Georges Twp to GE Daniel Mosier of Georges Twp 3 1/4A in Georges Twp for \$150 3 Jun 1865 Bk: 16 Pg: 375. Ajoins: John Dickenson, Richard Kygers (Keyser?) Wit/Off Daniel K?tan, N W Mosier

GE Thomas Vance of Franklin Twp from GR Joseph Strickler (Catherine) of South Union Twp 88 1/4A 20P in So Union & Franklin for \$6850 27 Sep 1867 Bk: 49 Pg: 35. Ajoins: Wm Humbert, Robert Stewart, James Carter Wit/Off J W Byers, C Artis, G Asner(?) Note: *'being the same land .... sold to Thomas Vance & George Shaffer Apr 13, 1852'*

GR William (Margaret M.) Vance of Georges Twp to GE Lewis Cooley of Georges Twp 3 1/2A Lot & House in Georges Twp for \$550 31 Mar 1868 Bk: 21 Pg: 399. Ajoins: William Millers land Wit/Off D S Campbell, Thomas Williams Note: *Same land as 85-355*

GE William Vance of Fayette Co. from GR Jacob Dawson (Malinda) of Fayette Co. Lot & Building in Smithfield, Georges Twp for \$1250 21 Feb 1869 Bk: 21 Pg: 362. Wit/Off Thomas Williams, S. H. Johnson

GE William Vance of Smithfield from GR William D Nixon (Mary E.) of Smithfield 2 Lots in Georges Twp for \$820 1 Apr 1869 Bk: 21 Pg: 360. Ajoins: Regin Reed, John Downey, Wm Nixon Wit/Off Thomas Williams, Lewis Cooley, J Brownfield

GR Margaret Anderson Vance (William) & John Anderson (Lydia) & Sarah Lydia Anderson Burchinal (Jerimiah) & Miles. Miranda & Lavina Anderson of Fayette Co to GE Samuel Anderson of Fayette Co. 103A in Georges Twp for \$6 19 Mar 1870 Bk: 25 Pg: 260. Ajoins: Robert Britt, William Bosley, Mrs Eliza Willson, Benjamin Goodwin Wit/Off W J Miller, Solomon, Wm Griffin Note: *Quit Claim. 6 of 8 children of Samuel Anderson (Nancy Rofs) both deceased.*

GE Davis Vance of Georges Twp from GR Wm McLeland (Catherine) of Somerset Co., PA 11 3/4A in Georges Twp for \$660 1 Jul 187? Bk: 24 Pg: 027. Ajoins: Wm Swaney, Daniel Moser Wit/Off Perry Hall (?), ? Bradley Note: *Attachment dated 1868 signed by John Hibbs & Sarah E Hibbs (details unreadable)*

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GR Crawford (Susan) Vance & William Vance of Connellsville to GE John Vance of Tyrone 4 3/4 A 7 P in Tyrone for \$500 6 Sep 1871 Bk: 24 Pg: 336. Ajoins: Philip Galley, John Shallenberger, Christian Rist Wit/Off Z B Springer, Marshall Lewis Note: *Part of Moses Vance estate.*

GE Davis Vance of Georges Twp from GR Joseph Goodwin (Ruth) of Georges Twp 2A 45P in Georges Twp for \$217.96 10 Dec 1873 Bk: 27 Pg: 564. Ajoins: Davis Vance, William Sweeney, Goodwins Wit/Off S Dunn, T H Trader(?) Note: *Timber rights reserved for 5 years.*

GR Hugh Vance of Formerly of Grant Co., WI. to GE Henry Allensworth of Monroe, Green Co. WI 'all lands ... in county of Fayette' for \$1000 7 Feb 1874 Bk: 27 Pg: 228.

GE William Vance of Redstone from GR Joseph Gadd (Sarah) of Redstone 5 1/4 A in Redstone Twp for \$288.75 7 Jul 1875 Bk: 29 Pg: 463. Ajoins: National Road, Joseph Gadd, Lynns Mill, Seanora Senhart, Wm Vance Wit/Off Wm Gallaher, James Craft Note: *Part of Isiah Stevens estate*

GR Samuel (Lavina) Vance of Sylvester Green Co., WI to GE George Vance of Highland Co., OH Land in Fayette Co. for \$100 2 Mar 1878 Bk: 33 Pg: 570. Ajoins: George Moore, James Nixon, James Hugh, Joel Letherman(?) Wit/Off M H Pengra, E C Pengra Note: *Estate of Hugh Vance*

GR Hugh Vance (decd) of Fayette Co. to GE Ezekiel Vance Reece of Fayette Co. 5A 5P in Georges Twp for \$450 8 Nov 1880 Bk: 41 Pg: 322. Ajoins: James McFadden, Sutton heirs, J L Leatherman, Reece heirs, James Nixon, G D Moore Wit/Off John Darby, Edward Dean, Chas Conner Note: *Sheriff's sale, purchased by grandson.*

GR Hugh Vance (decd) of Fayette Co. to GE James McFadden of Fayette Co. 1A 125P in Georges Twp for \$162.50 12 May 1881 Bk: 43 Pg: 457. Ajoins: James Nixon, James Hughes (decd) Wit/Off John Holmes, Edward Dean, Sheriff Note: *Sheriff's sale at request of daughter, Malinda K Reece*

GR William Vance (Margaret M.) of Georges Twp & Jane Zimmerman (Samuel) of Sedalia, MO & Robert Vance (Isabel) & Thomas Vance (Elizabeth) of Marion Co, WV & Henrietta Maxwell of Smithfield to GE Margaret E Moser of Georges Twp 26A 30P in Georges Twp for \$944 26 Apr 1886 Bk: 67 Pg: 239. Ajoins: Humbert heirs, Swaney heirs, Samuel Vance (decd), Jonas Tedrick Wit/Off Alfred Core PA, Raphael Hayden WV, N Newkirk MO Note: *Estate of Samuel Vance*

GE William Vance of Georges Twp from GR Jane Zimmerman (Samuel) of Sedalia, MO & Robert Vance (Isabel), Thomas Vance (Elizabeth) of Marion Co., WV & Davis Vance (single), Margaret Moser (Henry), Henrietta Maxwell (widow) of Georges Twp 29A 42P in Georges Twp for \$1055.70 26 Apr 1886 Bk: 67 Pg: 241. Ajoins: Georges Creek, late Owen Hughes, Benjamin Goodwin, Henry Reece, Jarrett Tedrick, Samuel Vance (decd), Davis Vance (of this document) Wit/Off Alfred Core PA, Raphael Hayden WV, N Newkirk MO Note: *Estate of Samuel Vance*

GR William Vance (Margaret M.), Henrietta Maxwell, Margaret Moser (Henry) of Georges Twp & Jane Zimmerman (Samuel) of Sedalia, MO & Robert Vance (Isabel), Thomas Vance (Elizabeth) of Marion Co., WV to GE Davis Vance of Georges Twp 37A 10 P in Georges Twp for \$1700 26 Apr 1886 Bk: 67 Pg: 244. Ajoins: Swaney, Owen Hughes, Jarrett Tedrick Wit/Off Alfred Core PA, Raphael Hayden WV, N Newkirk MO Note: *Estate of Samuel Vance*

GR William (Margaret M.) Vance of Smithfield to GE James R. Vance of Smithfield 1/4 A in Smithfield for \$200 18 Aug 1886 Bk: 102 Pg: 450. Ajoins: Wm Campbell (decd), Henry Kyle, Wm Vance Note: *Plus buildings.*

GR William (Margaret M.) Vance of Smithfield to GE Samuel A. Vance of Smithfield 1/4A & house in Smithfield for \$400 18 Aug 1886 Bk: 436 Pg: 237. Ajoins: Henry Kyle (prev Reison Reed), H M Kyle, James R Vance Wit/Off Alfred Core

GR Davis Vance (William Vance, Admin) of Georges Twp to GE J Kennedy Gates of Georges Twp 37A 10P in Georges Twp for \$2523.19 8 Jun 1891 Bk: 104 Pg: 225. Ajoins: B J Tedrick Wit/Off John R Willson Note: *See 67-244. Sold at auction. From estate of Samuel Vance. Mentions Hannah Hastings as additional heir that was excluded from original conveyance but conveyed her part later.*

GR Davis Vance (William Vance, Admin) of Georges Twp to GE Margaret E Moser of Georges Twp 26A 30P in Georges Twp for \$1204.83 20 Jun 1891 Bk: 104 Pg: 247. Ajoins: Humberts, Swaney, J B Tedrick Wit/Off John R Willson Note: *See 67-239. From estate of Samuel Vance*

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GR Davis Vance (William Vance, Admin) to GE Henry W Moser 2A 145P & 11 3/4A in Georges Twp for \$501.06 7 Jul 1892 Bk: 113 Pg: 440. Ajoins: Swaney, heirs of Daniel Moser, Joseph Goodwin, Wm Swaney Wit/Off John R Willson Note: *Sheriffs Sale See 24-27 & 27-564*

GR Davis Vance (decd) to GE William Vance 29A 42P in Georges Twp for \$1814.25 27 Sep 1893 Bk: 124 Pg: 491. Ajoins: Owen Hughes, Samuel Vance (decd) Wit/Off W S Yasd (?), M S Franks Note: *Davis awarded from Samuel Vance in 1886*

GR William (Margaret M.) Vance & Samuel Anderson (Nancy) of Georges Twp to GE John Hartman of Georges Twp 15A in Georges Twp for \$812 17 Sep 1865 Bk: 15 Pg: 473. Ajoins: Samuel Vance, Eichard Wiger, John Hibbs Wit/Off Thomas Williams, Charles Hartman Note: *Part sold by Samuel Vance see 11-312*

GR William (Ida) Vance of Georges Twp to GE James R Vance of Fayette Co. 29A 42P in Georges Twp for \$1000 24 Jan 1899 Bk: 183 Pg: 116. Ajoins: Formerly of Owen Hughes, Henry Reece, J K Gates Wit/Off Jacob High, Peter Johns Note: *See 124-491*

GR Hannah Vance (William) of Redstone & Lottie B. Diffenderffer (Henry) of Pittsburgh to GE Geo. W Grimes of So. Union Lot & House in Uniontown for \$400 16 Jan 1900 Bk: 174 Pg: 444. Ajoins: G L Rodgers, S M Morrison, W G Heighinbothan, William Vance Note: *Descendants of Jane G. Gray who got from her mother Hannah Barton*

GR William (Ida) Vance of Smithfield to GE James R Vance of Smithfield 5A 17P in Smithfield for \$4000 29 Sep 1905 Bk: 246 Pg: 238. Ajoins: Malinda Style, John Downeys heirs Wit/Off W E Miller, Logan Rush Note: *2 lots in Smithfield with brick house. See 21-360*

GR Albert Vance heirs (see notes) to GE Fred A Meyers of Vances Mill 24A in N Union Twp & Franklin Twp. for One Dollar 4 Feb 1931 Bk: 506 Pg: 480. Ajoins: Pittsburgh, Virginia & Charleston RR Wit/Off Ella Rockwell, J L Rea Note: *Oliver Vance (widower), Edward Vance (Bessie), John Vance (Jane) of Uniontown, Fayette Co., Charles Vance (Eva), Eva Rutter (George) of Vances Mill., Fayette Co., Anna Whetsel (James) of Upper Middletown, Fayette Co., Phebe Vance (widow), Isaac Vance (Letitia) of West Brownsville, Washington Co., PA, Samuel Vance (Florence) of Washington, Washington Co., PA, Ellis Vance (Laura) of Flattweeds, Fayette Co., Wm Vance (Daisy) of Star Junction, Fayette Co., Levi Vance (Vash?) of Allison, Fayette Co., Clarence (Dora) of Carmichaels, Green Co., PA.*

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Thomas Vance's Will which refers to above mentioned mill. Thomas is son of William Vance(9)/Rachel Mintun Vance(10)  
FAYETTE COUNTY PA Will Book 7 p. 82 THOMAS VANCE proved 3.1 April 1888  
Vances Mill Mar 12/1888

[Spelling and grammer not changed. Sentence placement is *not* true to original document]

I Thomas Vance of North union Township in the County of Fayette and State of Pennsylvania farmer being of sound mind memory and understanding do and publish this my last will and testament

As to Such estate as it hath pleased God to intrust me with I dispose of the Same as follows viz.

1st I give and bequeathe to my oldest Son Jacob Vance my grist mill with water privlages and rights belonging to the Same and also the house he now lives in and all of the land lying between the railroad and creek up to the first bridge along the railroad and the Mill yard down to railroad land he is to pay Hannah Reed the Sum of twenty five dollars (\$25.00) which is to be her share of my estate

2nd I give and bequeath to my two daughters Rachel Vance and Agness Vance a one third interest in the ballance of my real estate together with my mansion house and garden an long as they both live and if Agness should dye without heirs her share is to go to Rachel and when Rachel is gone her interest is to go to her son Albert Vance 3rd I give and bequeath the ballance of my real estate to my two Sons Thomas W Vance and Oliver G. Vance to Share and Share alike, but my son Oliver G Vance is to pay to My daughter Agness Vance the Sum, of One hundred and fifty dollars (\$150.00) 4th I desire that all of heirs Shall have the privilege of coal for home use 5th I desire that the fruit be free to all my heirs when there is fruit And I do hereby constitute and appoint my Son Thomas W Vance Sole Executor of this my last will and testament I witness whereof I Thomas Vance the Testator have to this My will written on one Sheet of paper Set my hand and seal this 12th day of March AD one thousand eight hundred and eighty eight

Signed Sealed published and declared by the above named Thomas Vance as and for his last will and testament in the presence of us who have here unto  
Thomas Vance (his mark)



## United States History

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**Wilson County, TN Deed Book 2, Pg. 122-123.** David B. Vance and his wife Lutesia, formerly Lutesia Radford, of Monroe County, Mississippi to A. G. Harkreader, a tract of land bequeathed to Elizabeth Thompson to Sarah Radford and her heirs. 1 Feb. 1852. (The 1860 census of Monroe Co. MS only shows Mary Vance age 46 born in SC, and Acey L. Vance age 14, born MS). Can someone identify this David B. Vance? Research of Mary Norfleet.

**The History and Geneology of Old Westmoreland and Westmoreland Co. PA.**  
**Vol. VI, No. 2, At the Court of Common Please held at Hanna's Town.** October Term 1780. Case #63 Keggs vs Cherry. Rule to take the deposition of Joseph Vance and Alexander Vance on the part of the plaintiff before the Prothontary of the county where they may live in Carolina or elsewhere. Who was this Joseph and Alexander Vance who had left this area? Where did they really go to?

**Vol. 8, Westmoreland County Civil Court Records,** Continued Docket 1, July Term 1782. Robert Smith vs John John, (this is not a typo) Alias Capias Case, October Term 1782: Referred to David Vance, James Terrence, William Huston, William Nesbitt, and James Blackstone, or any 3 of them.

**Vol. 9, Minute Book A.** Alexander Bowling vs Hannah (Vance) Crawford and John Stephenson, executors of William Crawford dec'd, and John Minter, administrator of Valentine Crawford dec'd. Summons Debt: £600. April 1786. Judgment by consent to be adjusted by Colonel Edward Cook and Colonel John Stinson.

**Minute Book A, 1789.** April Session 1789 Pg. 145. William Glen, assee of Samuel Holmes, assee of Philip (Buzman/Beezan?), vs Robert Vance, 10 April 1789 a jury called: Abraham Altman, George Kirk, William Altman, David Beatty, Isaac Miller, Moses Shaw, William Gilkey, Daniel Watts, John Thomason, Thomas Jones, and John Light, twelve honest and lawful men, who do say that - (blank) -. The plaintiff being three times solemnly called, comes not. Therefore, nonsuit. Witness for the plaintiff: Richard Williams, Esq. Witness for the defendant: David Vance. Research of Kathleen Mason.

**Annals of the Carnegie Museum -Abstracts of Old Virginia Wills. Will #7** for William Chapin of West Augusta, colony of Virginia. His beneficiaries: Abraham Chaplin, Isaac Chaplin, Elizabeth Swearingen, Mary Chapin, William Chaplin, Vance Chaplin. devises one place at Cain Tuck (Kentucky). What is the Vance connection, also, note the Swearingen name. (Some of the land in the Virginia County of Augusta later became Fayette County, Pa.)

**Will #8,** John Vance of Yohogania County in Virginia dated December 10, 1777, attested by William Crawford, Benjamin Wells, Samuel Hecks, proved March 23, 1778. Beneficiaries: Wife Margaret, sons David, William, Moses, daughters

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Elizabeth and Mary (John Vance was the brother to Hannah Vance Crawford mentioned in Vol. 9, Minute Book A. previous page). Is there any connection between any parties in Will #7 and #8?

**Minutes of Court of Yohogania Co.** (in the same book)..”Court met according to adjournment May 26, 1778, (the same year which John Vance’s will was proved in March) the following jurors were listed: John Campbell, William Crawford, William Harrison, Samuel Newell, Andrew Swearingen, Benjamin Harrison, Hugh Laughlin and Joseph Vance” . Who was this Joesph Vance?

**Torrence and Allied Families** by Robert M. Torrence, pg. 326, Col. Benjamin Harrison, b. 1750 Virginia is shown as husband of Mary Newell who had brothers Hugh and Robert. Benjamin and Mary Harrison had Robert, William, Mary, Jane, Julian, Lawrence, Battaile, Catherine, and Aristides. Battile/Battle did not go to Missouri when the Harrison family left Pennsylvania because he had the measles, and was left in the care of his uncle and aunt, William and Jane (Newell) Vance, who brought him up. So, who is this William Vance? These Vances, Harrison, Newells, and Crawfords were well known to each other. We need to identify tthis William Vance. Research of Bess Copeland.

**Loudoun County, Virginia Marriage Bonds 1762-1850.** Augusta College Library. William Floyd and Hannah Vance, widow, 5 October 1790. Security: William Grimes. James and Margaret Watkins, parents of Hannah Vance. Who was her first husband? Research of Grace Dotson.

**Westmoreland Co. PA, Cumberland Co. PA and Franklin Co. PA**  
Update of Patrick and John Vance of Chambersburg, Pa. Will of Hugh Taylor 17 Dec 1781 Cumberland Co. PA Book D Pg. 232 Abstract: “To sister’s daughter Sarah and Elizabeth Vance, Land in Westmoreland County, five miles south of Kittaning Town. Plantation in Black Lick Settlement in said County. Sister Jane Watson; wife of Josiah Watson. William Nisbet. Hugh McKee, Senior, Frances Sloan, wife of William Sloan, Jane Nisbit. Bro: Andrew’s daughter: Elizabeth.” Executors: James McKee Senior and Andrew Reed. Witnesses: George Dickson, George Dickie. Signed Hugh Taylor, X his mark. Research of Jan Francis, 314 Pine Lake Court, Spartenburg SC 29301.

Comments by Kathleen: This will gives us new information - Patrick and John Vance of Chambersburg, PA married sisters named Taylor. See NL: July 1994 pg.88/94 and Oct 1994 pg 114/117. It was only previously known that Patrick’s first wife was Sarah Taylor, second wife Elizabeth Huston/Houston. His brother John’s wife’s name was Elizabeth, and this information documents her as Elizabeth Taylor. This will explains how John Vance’s son John Jr. had authority to sell land in Westmoreland Co., when he lived in Franklin County, and inherited from his father land in Franklin County Please take note of the Watson , McKee and Reed and Nisbet names. On the previous page Vol. 8 Westmoreland County Civil Court Records, William Huston and William Nesbitt are mentioned as well as a David Vance. We may soon make some more family connections. If you have information in this time frame with Vance connections to any of these names in this area, please share.



## LOCATING EARLY VANCES IN FREDERICK COUNTY, VIRGINIA

by Virginia Vance Lovett

1. JAMES WOOD-1241 Acres; Land Grant M-307 (Surveyed-1735; Grant-21 May 1753).
2. SAMUEL GLASS-900 Acres; Orange Co., VA-D.B. 7, p. 38 from Jost Hite.
3. JOSEPH COLVILLE-360 Acres; Frederick Co., VA-D.B. 1, p. 68; 6 March 1743/44.
4. ROBERT GLASS-544 Acres; Land Grant H-529; 2 November 1754.
5. JOST & MARY HITE-5018 Acres originally.
6. JOHN HITE-1080 Acres originally.
7. JAMES VANCE (d. 1751)-108 Acres; Orange Co., VA-D.B. p. 46; Land Grant H-100 for 108 Acres; 10 January 1740. Adjoining David Vance (I).
8. ROBERT WILSON-464 Acres; Land Grant H-591; 2 January 1755. Adjoining James Vance.
9. DAVID VANCE-100 Acres; Orange Co., VA-D.B. 5 p. 174; 20 May 1742. 400 Acres; Land Grant G-543; 8 June 1751.
10. ELIZABETH VANCE (Widow of James died 1751)-338 Acres; Land Grant M-191; August 1752. Adjoining David Vance.
11. JOST HITE-2054 Acres; originally in his tract.
12. WILLIAM EWEN (EWING)- 625 Acres; Land Grant H-731; 8 November 1756.
13. PETER STEPHENS-674 Acres; Colony Patent; October 1734; Became Stephens City.
14. LAWRENCE STEPHENS 225 Acres from his father 1 April 1745.
15. GEORGE WRIGHT-615 Acres; Land Grant M-35; 30 August 1751.
16. CHRISTIAN NISWANGER-435 Acres, Orange Co., VA-D.B. 1 p. 436; 20 March 1736.
17. JACOB CHRISSMAN-750 Acres; Orange Co., VA-D.B. 1 p. 436; 14 May 1740. Wife, Magdalena Hite, daughter of Jost Hite.
18. LEWIS & MARY (BOWMAN) STEPHENS-455 Acres & 200 Acres; May 1744 & August 1743.
19. JOSEPH VANCE-150 Acres from Jost Hite on 5 April 1744. 150 Acres from George & Esther Harrison; Frederick Co., VA-D.B. 1 p. 80 & 375; 28 Mar 1754. 126 Acres; Land Grant M-550; 8 November 1754. Lot in Woodstock; 2 March 1771; from Henry & Barbara Ott; D.B. 14, p. 375. Sold 2 adjoining plots to Abraham Kendrick (300 Acres); 16 February 1773. Sold 126 Acres to Nicholas Helmick; D.B. 16 p. 5; 2 March 1773. Sold lot in Woodstock, VA to Samuel Vance; Shenandoah Co., VA- D.B. F p. 503; 27 Mar 1781.
20. GEORGE HARRISON (with George Branson of NJ)- two 622 Acres; unpatented. 444 Acres; Frederick Co., VA-D.B. 1 p. 375; from Jost Hite; 25 Mar 1736/37.
21. ROBERT WARTH-400 Acres; from Hite & Harrison; Orange Co., VA-D.B. 1 p. 465; Land Grant M-203; 11 Nov 1752. Sold by his son, John Warth, to John's brother-in-law, Samuel Vance (wife Ann Warth); Frederick Co., VA-D.B. 7 p. 217; 17 June 1774. Sold by Samuel Vance & Ann to Peter Sensensy. Where Middletown is located.
22. JAMES HOGE-760 Acres; Orange Co., VA-D.B. 5 p. 178; from Jost Hite 26 May 1742.
23. WILLIAM VANCE (Capt)-391 Acres; Land Grant K-111; 15 January 1752. Adjoining Robert Warth & James Hogg; Land Grant K-242 for 164 Acres; 4 March 1761. Adjoining his land on Cedar Creek & Isaac Hite.
24. EDWARD CARTMELL-320 Acres; Land Grant P-157; 30 July 1756 (Originally Samuel Morse).
25. GEORGE BAUMAN (BOWMAN), wife Mary (Hite)-1000 Acres; 3 October 1734; VA Patent Book 15 p. 338 from Jost Hite.
26. SARAH CAMPBELL (Widow of John)-200 Acres; Land Grant M-126; 11 March 1752. Adjoining James Vance (d. 1762), James Brown and Hite.
27. JAMES VANCE (d. 1762)-250 Acres; Orange Co., VA-D.B. 5 p. 234 from Jost Hite; 25 June 1742.
28. WILLIAM EVANS-400 Acres; Land Grant H-260; 15 March 1753. Adjoining James Brown, Samuel Vance, (son of James d. 1762) and Sarah Campbell.
29. SAMUEL VANCE (son of James Vance d. 1762) & ELIZABETH-170 Acres; Land Grant K-131; Adjoining James Vance (father), David Logan, William Evans. Sold to Jacob Road. Frederick Co., VA-D.B. 16 p. 497; 24 May 1774.

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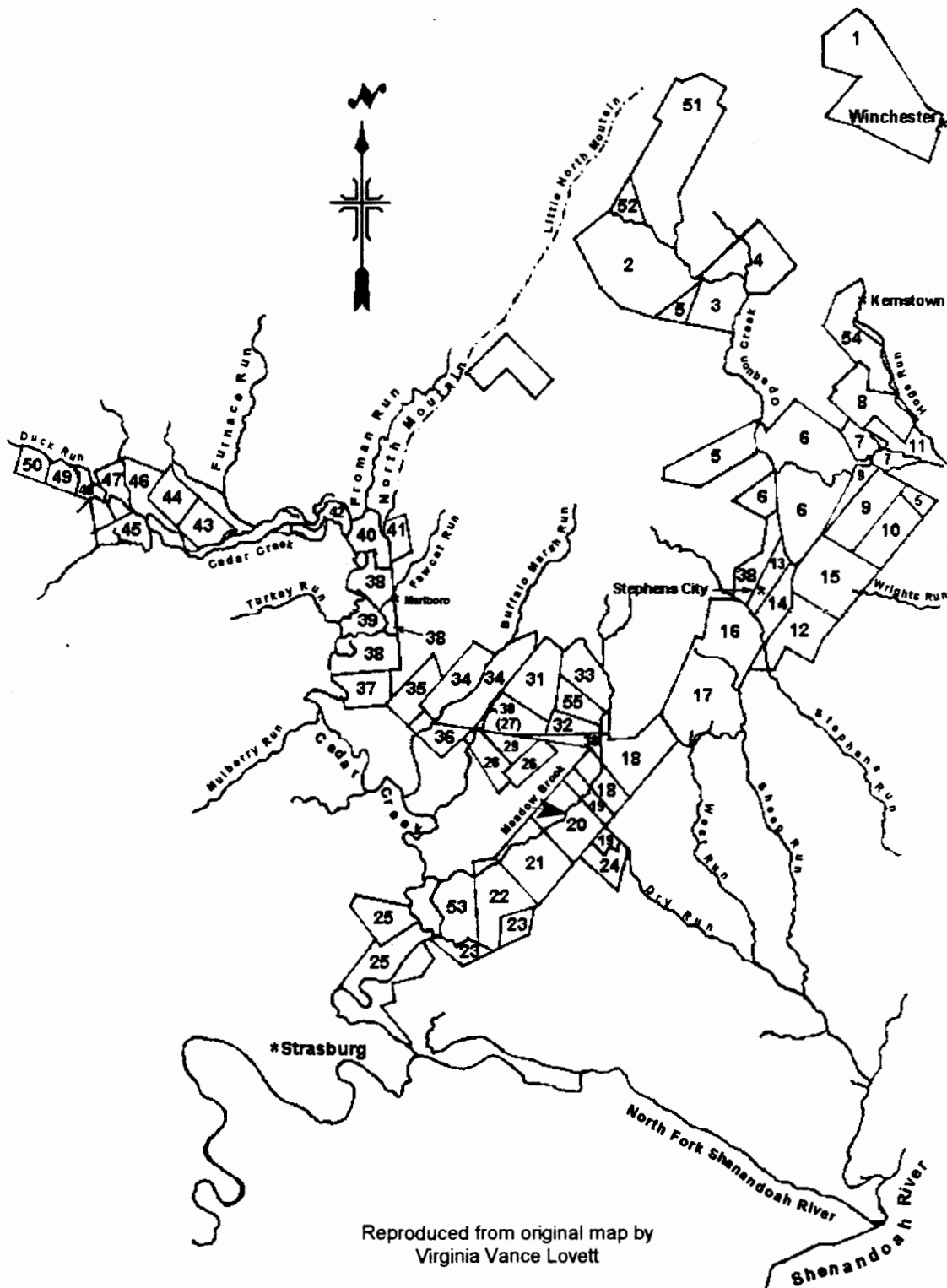
30. **JOHN VANCE** (son of James Vance d. 1762)-250 Acres; inherited from his father & sold to James Wilson. D.B. 13 p. 95; 1 August 1769.
31. **JOHN HITE**-444 Acres. Other plats in Frederick Co. And Shenandoah Co., VA.
32. **CHARLES BARNES**-400 Acres; Orange Co., VA-D.B. 1 p. 65 & 89; 28 February 1743/44. On Meadow Brook, branch of Cedar Creek. Adjoining Charles McDowell.
33. **CHARLES McDOWELL** (son of John)-600 Acres; Orange Co., VA-D.B. 4 p. 170. Adjoining Barnes.
34. **DAVID LOGAN**-860 Acres; Orange Co., VA-D.B. 7 p. 42 from Jost Hite; 26 November 1742. Sold to Lewis Stephens. Frederick Co., VA-D.B. P. 377; 5 November 1759.
35. **SAMUEL VANCE** (d. 1778, wife Sarah Colville)-400 Acres; Land Grant H-117; 5 Mar 1752. Adjoining David Logan on Cedar Creek. Sold to Laurence Snapp Sr. D.B. 17 p. 366; August 1777.
36. **JAMES BROWN**-400 Acres; Land Grant K-267; 4 April 1761. On Buffalo Marsh near Cedar Creek. Adjoining Samuel Vance & David Logan.
37. **JAMES COLVILLE** (wife, Ann)-400 Acres on Cedar Creek; Land Grant G-516. Adjoining Samuel Vance & R. Richey; by a wagon road.
38. **LEWIS STEPHENS**-Land Grants: M-81, 81 Acres adjoining his patent, James Vance & Sarah Campbell. M-128, 799 Acres on Limestone Ridge & Buffalo Meadow, adjoining Robert Beale, David Logan, John Young, Wm. Richey, James Colville, Joseph Black; 12 March 1752. Frederick Co., VA-D.B. 1 p. 227; for 195 Acres (part of Branson's 1734 tract) from John & Elizabeth Counts; 5 August 1745. Sold to Isaac Zane Jr., Ironmaster; 10 June 1767. (Had other tracts of land.)
39. **JOHN DYER**-100 Acres; Land Grant M-87; 8 January 1752. Adjoining William Russell on Duck Run.
40. **PAUL FROMAN**-214 Acres; Land Grant M-275 on Froman Run & Cedar Creek; 30 March 1753.
41. **SAMUEL & JANE VANCE** (son of Andrew)-255 Acres; sold to Joseph Thornburgh. Frederick Co., VA-D.B. 24 p. 563; 6 September 1796.
42. **THOMAS BRANSON SR.**-Originally 850 Acres on a Colony Patent; 12 November 1735. Sold & moved to Orange Co., N.C. by 1753.
43. **THOMAS BUTLER**-400 Acres; Land Grant M-84; 6 January 1752. On Cedar Creek adjoining Andrew Vance & John Mueston.
44. **ANDREW VANCE** (d. 1754)-400 Acres; Land Grant M-119; 17 March 1752. Adjoining Thomas Butler.
45. **JOHN RICHARDS**-400 Acres; Land Grant G-470; 1 November 1750. Adjoining Andrew Vance & Benjamin Fry on Cedar Creek & Duck Run.
46. **MARTIN CRIDER**-346 Acres; Land Grant M-91; 9 January 1752. On Cedar Creek adjoining Benjamin Fry. Will 24 May 1772.
47. **BENJAMIN FRY**-Possibly the 500 Acres he purchased from John Richards on 13 July 1744. To his son, Joseph Fry. Frederick Co., VA-D.B. 2 p. 235.
48. **ROBERT MARNEY**-160 Acres; Land Grant M-453 on Duck Run. Father of Amos Marney married to Sarah Vance. Will of Robert Marney, Bourbon Co., KY; W.B. B p. 264; proved March Court, 1805.
49. **WILLIAM RUSSELL**-297 Acres; Land Grant g-372; 15 July 1750 on Cedar Creek adjoining John Dyer & Adam Hunter.
50. **JOHN DYER**-100 Acres; Land Grant M-87; 8 January 1752. Adjoining William Russell.
51. **MARTIN CARTMELL**-650 Acres; Orange Co., VA-D.B. 8 p. 69; 13 Jan 1741/42 from Thomas Branson.
52. **THOMAS CARTMELL, NATHANIEL & ANN** (children of Martin Cartmell)-200 Acres.
53. **ISAAC HITE**-300 Acres; Frederick Co., VA-D.B. 1 p. 386 from James & Agnes Hoge; 28 March 1748.
54. **ROBERT WILLSON**-205 Acres from William Hoge; 5 May 1740; Orange Co., VA-D.B. 4 p. 14.
55. **JOHN McDOWELL** (father of Charles)

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Abstract of Frederick County, VA Deeds & Wills  
Descendants of James Vance d 1751 by Virginia Vance Lovett



**EARLY VANCE SETTLERS & NEIGHBORS IN FREDERICK COUNTY, VA**



**WILL OF WILLIAM VANCE**  
**ALLEGHENY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA**  
Research by Phyllis V. Worrall

William Vance of Commonwealth of Pennsylvania bequeaths all moveables and plantation to his wife, Mary Vance, during her lifetime. Plantation to be divided equally between sons: Andrew, William and John. Plantation not to be sold until the youngest son comes of age. From wife Mary's portion of the estate, William bequeaths that daughter, Mary Vance is to have a young horse and 10 pounds, when she comes of age. William leaves the sum of 5 shillings each to Ann Vance Thompson; Agnas Vance Cauble; and Jane Vance Boyd. Wife, Mary Vance, named as executor. Dated 28 April 1798 and witnessed by Samuel Seawright, Thomas Swaney Jr. and Thomas Swaney Sr. Signed: William (his mark) Vance. Will was registered in Allegheny County on 17 June 1803. (Allegheny Co., PA; 1803, Volume 1, pages 174-175.)

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**STEELE CREEK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH CEMETERY**  
**MECKLENBURG COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA**

David Vance; died February 28, 1800; age 64 years  
James L. Vance; died November 30, 1832; age 25 years  
Rachel Vance; died March 18, 1815; age 32 years  
Robert D. Vance; died August 13, 1825; age 18 years  
Ruth Vance; died April 15, 1779; age 1 year  
William Vance; died January 25, 1817; age 32 years  
Source: Mecklenburg County Cemetery Records, Public Library of Charlotte & Mecklenburg County, NC. (See *VFA Newsletter*, Oct., 1988; pg. 102)

**OBITUARIES FROM EARLY TENNESSEE NEWSPAPERS**

Mr. Andrew Vance. Late of Clarksville and elder partner of the firm of Vance & Dicks. Died on the 12th Nov. at Galveston, Texas. Daily Republican Banner (Mon., Dec. 7, 1840.) *Son of Samuel & Margaret Laughlin Vance.*

Miss Catherine Maria Vance. Daughter of Wm. K. Vance Esq. & Kessia Robertson, age 15. Died in Greenville, TN. National Banner & Nashville Advertiser. (Fri., July 2, 1832)

Mr. Robert Vance. Died at Clarksville. National Banner (Sat., Oct 3, 1829) *Son of Samuel & Margaret Laughlin Vance.*

Dr. Robert Vance. In the 30th year of his age. Died in Buncombe County, NC on the 6th inst. National Banner & Nashville Whig (Sat., Dec 1, 1827) *Son of David and Priscilla Brank Vance.*

Mr. William Vance. Died in Bowling Green. KY. National Banner & Nashville Whig (Mon., Jun 7, 1830)

Research by Mary V. Norfleet

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**EASTERN TENNESSEE MARRIAGE RECORDS BY COUNTY**

**Blount**

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|-----------------------------------|-----------|
| Vance, Andrew to Nancy Ann Wilson | 3-19-1839 |
| Vance, H. B. to E. A. Cawood      | 9-29-1851 |
| Vance, I. J. to B. B. Collins     | 7-17-1850 |
| Vance, Jane to Samuel Utter       | 9-5-1816  |
| Vance, Sarah to A. P. Chapman     | 1-12-1865 |

**Carter**

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| Vance, Abner to Mary Whitehead        | 4-17-1853 (4-24-1853)   |
| Vance, David to Elizabeth Rose        | 2-21-1836               |
| Vance, John to Rinda Mosley           | 4-19-1850 (4-24-1850)   |
| Vance, John H. to Mary Ann Wilcox     | 8-2-1859 (8-10-1859)    |
| Vance, Sary to Henry Adkins           | 10-22-1848 (10-23-1848) |
| Vance, Temperance to Arthur Buchannon | 10-12-1803              |
| Vance, _____ to James L. Lewis        | 6-17-1875               |

**Claiborne**

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| Vance, Daniel to Martha Hurst           | 9-25-1856 (10-2-1856)   |
| Vance, Prior L. to Catherine Felps      | 2-19-1850               |
| Vance, Agga to Enoch Bush               | 11-19-1838 (11-20-1838) |
| Vance, Anna to Wiley Keribey            | 11-23-1859              |
| Vance, C. to Ransom Cupp                | 3-7-1853 (3-8-1853)     |
| Vance, Martha to Martin V. Devault      | 4-9-1868 (4-10-1868)    |
| Vance, Martha A. to William D. Jennings | 10-31-1867              |
| Vance, Mary to John Lambert             | 9-1-1854                |
| Vance, Pricila? to William Janeway      | 11-6-1845 (11-9-1845)   |

**Grainger**

|                                    |            |
|------------------------------------|------------|
| Vance, Alexander to Nancy Townsley | 8-15-1840  |
| Vance, James to Rebecca Robinson   | 11-1-1821  |
| Vance, John to Sarah King          | 12-26-1840 |
| Vance, Thomas to Mary A. Robinson  | 12-26-1857 |
| Vance, Anna to Peter Beeler        | 12-21-1831 |
| Vance, Cloe to Alvis M. Gray       | 10-23-1865 |
| Vance, Mary Jane to Mathew Railey  | 6-20-1846  |

**Greene**

|                                     |                         |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Vance, David G. to Catherine Drake  | 11-17-1859              |
| Vance, Harrison to Hiley Rudder     | 3-1-1847 (3-4-1847)     |
| Vance, James H. to Mary E. Fleming  | 9-17-1861               |
| Vance, Joseph to Elizabeth Long     | 3-26-1835               |
| Vance, Joseph to Rebecca Kilday     | 10-16-1826              |
| Vance, Marion B. to Martha Rader    | 11-12-1859 (11-17-1859) |
| Vance, Patrick H. to Rebecca Remine | 7-15-1860               |
| Vance, William K. to Loo C. Wilson  | 5-22-1856               |

**Hawkins**

|                                     |          |
|-------------------------------------|----------|
| Vance, James H. to Lucy C. Reynolds | 4-3-1848 |
|-------------------------------------|----------|

**Jefferson**

|                                 |                        |
|---------------------------------|------------------------|
| Vance, Anderson to Martha Meek  | 3-17-1866 (4-29-1866)  |
| Vance, David to Margaret Taylor | 12-1-1822              |
| Vance, David to Rhue Taylor     | 10-16-1804 (no Return) |

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**Jefferson, Continued**

|                                      |                         |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Vance, Eli to Mary E. Phillips       | 5-20-1862               |
| Vance, G. G. to R. H. Wood           | 2-19-1868               |
| Vance, Henry to Lindy Roper          | 4-24-1867 (4-27-1867)   |
| Vance, Henry C. to Catharine Vance   | 5-1-1865 (5-14-1865)    |
| Vance, John to Martha Mathes         | 6-11-1860 (6-14-1860)   |
| Vance, Robert to Abigail Jones       | 2-3-1825                |
| Vance, Robert to Joanna Riggins      | 1-22-1822               |
| Vance, Thomas W. to Susan Rimmer     | 11-2-1850               |
| Vance, Vaniah to Mary Nance          | 3-31-1846               |
| Vance, William to Elizabeth Campbell | 5-1-1807                |
| Vance, Jane G. to John Rickets       | 9-25-1816               |
| Vance, Mahala to Solomon W. Seieels? | 2-2-1846 (2-5-1846)     |
| Vance, Mary E. to Benjamin H Manley  | 12-28-1867 (1-1-1868)   |
| Vance, Orlena to William T. Williams | 11-4-1848               |
| Vance, Rachel to Preston Kennedy     | 1-12-1867 (1-13-1857) B |
| Vance, Rhoda C. to William Edmore    | 12-12-1850              |

**Johnson**

|                                    |            |
|------------------------------------|------------|
| Vance, William to Nancy E. Whooton | 11-23-1843 |
| Vance, William to Mary A. Calaway  | 2-12-1867  |
| Vance, Mary to Stephen Horn        | 10-15-1868 |

**Knox**

|                                        |                       |
|----------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Vance, Andrew to Eliza N. Stephens     | 2-26-1846             |
| Vance, Isaac A. to Martha M. Pack      | 8-3-1865              |
| Vance, James to Margaret King          | 9-23-1834             |
| Vance, James R. to Sarah J. Thompson   | 3-20-1865 (Not Cert.) |
| Vance, John to Margaret Kennedy        | 1-9-1834              |
| Vance, John to Martha Davidson         | 3-1-1799              |
| Vance, Joseph to Eliza Greer           | 12-28-1819            |
| Vance, M. E. to W. H. Vance            | 3-23-1865             |
| Vance, Samuel to Elizabeth Allen Brock | 5-13-1818             |
| Vance, Samuel to Martha E. Kennedy     | 12-26-1865            |
| Vance, Samuel to Mary Blackburn        | 1-31-1793             |
| Vance, Samuel to Mary S. Kenneday      | 10-31-1833            |
| Vance, Thomas to Sudney Lewis          | 1-12-1804             |
| Vance, Eliza to Pascal Carter          | 3-23-1865             |
| Vance, Martha to Adam Walker           | 8-16-1838             |

**McMinn**

|                                |                     |
|--------------------------------|---------------------|
| Vance, Huston to Jane McDaniel | 1-4-1870 (1-5-1870) |
| Vance, John to Nancy Crews     | 3-9-1843            |

**Roane**

|                                        |                        |
|----------------------------------------|------------------------|
| Vance, Pleasant to Charlotte Nicholson | 11-30-1873 (12-1-1873) |
|----------------------------------------|------------------------|

**Sevier**

|                                  |            |
|----------------------------------|------------|
| Vance, Adeline to Ananias James  | 1-4-1857   |
| Vance, Martha to Isaac Smith     | 10-16-1856 |
| Vance, Mary A. to John N. Walker | 9-16-1865  |

**Sullivan**

|                                          |           |
|------------------------------------------|-----------|
| Vance, Jonathan E. to Elizabeth Hamilton | 1-4-1865  |
| Vance, Ketron to Edie Lynn               | 4-15-1869 |

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**Sullivan, Continued**

|                                     |           |
|-------------------------------------|-----------|
| Vance, Harriet S. to John F. Sharp  | 7-22-1866 |
| Vance, Martha E. to John M. Buckles | 3-23-1864 |
| Vance, Mary A. to John G. Denton    | 12-7-1864 |
| Vance, Sarah to Jacob Smith         | 4-21-1869 |

**Washington**

|                                         |                       |
|-----------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Vance, David to Mary Jane McCorkle      | 6-10-1834             |
| Vance, George W. to Mary Malinda Morgan | 2-1-1838              |
| Vance, Henry V. to Mary Ann Marks       | 11-3-1866 (11-4-1866) |
| Vance, Hugh to Rachel Blair             | 8-18-1829             |
| Vance, John B. to Jane Blair            | 3-15-1860 (3-22-1860) |
| Vance, Patrick H. to Nancy Harvey       | 3-9-1847              |
| Vance, Solomon Jr. to Elizabeth Moor    | 5-20-1823             |
| Vance, Kizera to Oliver P. Herndon      | 3-2-1846              |
| Vance, Maria L. to Green K. Cessna      | 2-15-1825             |
| Vance, Theodocia to Frederick A. Ross   | 12-16-1823            |

**MIDDLE TENNESSEE MARRIAGE RECORDS BY COUNTY**

**Cannon**

|                                       |                       |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Vance, Anderson to Sarah Tenpenny     | 1-27-1870             |
| Vance, D. B. to Bettie Brewer         | 11-23-1868            |
| Vance, Daniel to Martha Reed          | 12-3-1857             |
| Vance, David to Liza E. Morgan        | 8-4-1864              |
| Vance, David to _____                 | 12-20-1888            |
| Vance, D. to Cornelia Todd            | 1-8-1898              |
| Vance, Isham to Sarah Moore           | 5-29-1866             |
| Vance, J. R. to N. J. Richards        | 2-8-1889              |
| Vance, James to Elizabeth Summar      | 2-8-1866              |
| Vance, James to A. S. Dobbs           | 1-15-1890 (No Return) |
| Vance, James to Ona Davenport         | 10-6-1896             |
| Vance, Richard to Elisar Peedon       | 1-6-1863              |
| Vance, S. C. to R. F. Gaither         | 10-22-1891            |
| Vance, Samuel to Sarah Ann Elledge    | 11-14-1841            |
| Vance, Thomas to Mahala Armstrong     | 2-14-1867             |
| Vance, Catharine to William H. Travis | 12-26-1839            |
| Vance, E. R. to G. W. Gannon          | 10-1-1857             |
| Vance, Eliza to Alfred Vasser         | 7-29-1868             |
| Vance, Eliza J. to J. T. Mason        | 11-28-1867            |
| Vance, Irene to John Martin           | 5-10-1896 B           |
| Vance, Jennie to Aubry Robertson      | 5-29-1897             |
| Vance, Katharine to Jesse Richards    | 9-16-1847             |
| Vane?, Mary A. to Mathew Brandon      | 10-26-1854            |
| Vance, S. A. to John C. Blanks        | 12-11-1890            |
| Vance, Sallie to A.L. Hollis          | 2-2-1893 (No Return)  |
| Vance, Sarah to R. O. Walcup          | Summer 1860           |
| Vane?, Sarrah S. to Isaac Turner      | 3-29-1855             |

**Davidson**

|                                             |            |
|---------------------------------------------|------------|
| Vance, Elisha L. to S. Brooks               | 5-7-1835   |
| Vance, Elizabeth L. to Robertson Topp       | 4-27-1837  |
| Vance, Margaret L. to George C. Childress   | 6-12-1828  |
| Vance, Sarah M. to M. G. Gholson            | 10-25-1858 |
| Vance, Susan to John (Jonathon) S. Anderson | 10-3-1849  |

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**Dickson**

Vance, James F. to Martha J. Weems 12-26-1868 (12-27-1868)

**Lincoln**

Vance, Benjamin to Marriah Woodward 9-12-1868 B  
Vance, Henry to Jane Waggoner 1-18-1867 B  
Vance, Jack to Polly McDaniel 12-1-1866 B  
Vance, Jacob to Mary Ann Eddins 9-23-1839  
Vance, Wyatt to Francis Diemer 12-5-1867 B  
Vance, Ann to Henry Smith 12-13-1868 B  
Vance, Easter to Norris Franklin 1-10-1869  
Vance, Louvenia to James Buchanan 12-30-1867 B  
Vance, Manerva to Hiram Franklin 8-1-1869 B

**Montgomery**

Vance, Calvin F. to Margaret Dabney 8-5-1868  
Vance, Amanda to Nelson Bellemy 1-6-1866 (1-15-1866) B  
Vance, Jennie to Henry Wilcox 8-17-1865 (B?)  
Vance, Mary R. to Joseph M. Fauntleroy 6-17-1857 (6-18-1857)  
Vance, Tabitha A. to James Daugherty 10-17-1865 (10-21-1865)

**Robertson**

Vance, Absalum to Nancy Roberts 8-18-1850 (8-20-1850)  
Vance, David to Harriet Brakefield 5-23-1855  
Vance, Elizabeth to Robert Brakefield 2-27-1840  
Vance, Nancy to William Johnson 8-11-1852

**Rutherford**

Vance, John W. to Catherine Gilmore 4-15-1867  
Vance, Sarah to Wilson B. Thomas 4-24-1819

**Sequatchie**

Vance, Mary to Jonathan Roach 9-11-1868 (9-15-1868)  
Vance, Nancy Jane to Joseph Roach 1-21-1869

**Smith**

Vance, Jesse to Fannie Woodmore 7-1-1870 (7-2-1870)  
Vance, Joel W. to Sidney Farris 11-30-1868 (12-5-1868)  
Vance, John M. to Mary Anderson 1-26-1867  
Vance, William P. to Virginia T. Womack 2-28-1867  
Vance, Joanna V. to James S. Boulton 1-10-1859 (1-13-1859)  
Vance, Margaret to James Daughtery 2-10-1859  
Vance, Mary Ann to Vincent D. Thompson 11-25-1868 (11-26-1868)  
Vance, Mary E. to William B. Luck 1-13-1854 (1-15-1854)  
Vance, Mary J. to Brooks Robinson 6-26-1838  
Vance, Matilda to Henry Goad 1-29-1855 (1-30-1855)  
Vance, Nancy A. to Edward B. Haynie 11-27-1850 (No Return)  
Vane?, Rebecca to William Rigsby 4-27-1838

**Stewart**

Vance, Nancy to H. L. Haynes 12-4-1862

**Sumner**

Vance, Archibal to Mary Vance 4-22-1859  
Vance, David to Jane Gillespie 8-8-1820  
Vance, David to Mary E. Hall 12-1-1860

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**Sumner, Continued**

|                                          |             |
|------------------------------------------|-------------|
| Vance, James M. to Elvira S. Parker      | 7-30-1841   |
| Vance, Joseph to Mary Leath              | 9-21-1835   |
| Vance, Philip to Mary Erwin              | 3-14-1835   |
| Vance, Phillip to Patsey McKnight        | 12-17-1821  |
| Vance, R. F. to Malina Green             | 5-5-1875    |
| Vance, Rufus to Ellen Saunders           | 3-24-1873 B |
| Vance, S. D. to Lucrecia F. Atkinson     | 5-16-1869   |
| Vance, Thomas J. to Elizabeth J. Bell    | 9-8-1855    |
| Vance, William C. to Mary J. Halliburton | 1-27-1845   |
| Vane?, Catherine to William Watson       | 12-18-1827  |
| Vance, Eliza to August Newmayor          | 7-20-1855   |
| Vance, Eliza J. to Calvin N. Hale        | 10-14-1859  |
| Vance, Eliza Jane to Claborn Marshall    | 12-3-1855   |
| Vance, Elizabeth A. to Charles F. Tally  | ?-?-1858    |
| Vance, Francis to Steven Norton          | 8-25-1847   |
| Vance, Malvina T. to John H. Averett     | 8-11-1866   |
| Vance, Nancy to Samuel Watson            | 3-18-1822   |
| Vance, Nancy Burn to James Johnson       | 10-20-1855  |
| Vance, Rachel to James Burnly            | 12-19-1831  |

**Van Buren**

|                                  |            |
|----------------------------------|------------|
| Vance, William to Margaret White | 7-23-1851  |
| Vance, Mahely to James McBride   | 10-18-1867 |

**Wayne**

|                                          |            |
|------------------------------------------|------------|
| Vance, Archibald C. to Mary Ann Peterson | 12-18-1866 |
|------------------------------------------|------------|

**Wilson**

|                                         |            |
|-----------------------------------------|------------|
| Vance, E. L. to Ella Mottley            | 12-15-1889 |
| Vance, Edward to Drucilla Hearn         | 2-22-1854  |
| Vance, Edward to Mary C. Brevard        | 2-21-1839  |
| Vance, James L. to Tabitha Scott        | 5-16-1821  |
| Vance, Alice to James N. Thomson        | 12-9-1880  |
| Vance, Ann Eliza to Griffith A. Pursley | 9-22-1857  |
| Vance, Puab B. to Robards Howell        | 8-19-1835  |

**WESTERN TENNESSEE MARRIAGE RECORDS BY COUNTY**

**Fayette**

|                                |                           |
|--------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Vance, Hezekiah to Mary Newson | 10-23-1869 (10-23-1869) B |
|--------------------------------|---------------------------|

**Lake**

|                                  |                         |
|----------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Vance, Raciell to Charles Maclin | 7-21-1877 (7-27-1877) B |
|----------------------------------|-------------------------|

**Madison**

|                                      |           |
|--------------------------------------|-----------|
| Vance, Rhoda to Murdock M. Marchison | 11-7-1852 |
|--------------------------------------|-----------|

**Obion**

|                                    |                     |
|------------------------------------|---------------------|
| Vance, F. M. to T. R. Osborn       | 9-26-1867           |
| Vance, Martin to Mary Jane Calhoun | 12-31-1844          |
| Vance, Margaret to Levi P. Duncan  | 6-8-1841 (6-9-1841) |
| Vance, Mary to T. P. C. Russell    | 7-27-1837           |

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**Shelby**

|                                                |                       |
|------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Vance, Andrew to Nancy M. Haynis               | 12-9-1850             |
| Vance, William Jr. to Francis C. W. Winchester | 10-4-1846             |
| Vance, Jane to William Joyner                  | 12-30-1861 (1-1-1862) |

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**TENNESSEE ENLISTED MEN, WAR OF 1812**

Vance, Daniel, Pvt; Col Samuel Bunch, Capt Joseph Duncan, East Tennessee  
Drafted Militia; joined from Capt McNare's Co (*see David, line 3*)

Vance, David G., Asst Wagonmaster; Brig Gen N. Taylor, Branch of Service  
omitted

Vance, David, Pvt; Col Samuel Bunch, Capt Jonathan McNare, East Tennessee  
Militia; transferred to Capt Duncan's Co (*see Daniel, line 1*)

Vance, David, Pvt; Col William Lillard, Capt Benjamin H. King, East Tennessee  
Volunteer Infantry

Vance, Hanns, Pvt; Col Samuel Bayless, Capt Joseph Hale, East Tennessee  
Militia

Vance, Jacob, Pvt; Col William Hall, Capt John Moore, Volunteer Infantry

Vance, Robert, Pvt; Col Ewen Allison, Capt Adam Winsell, East Tennessee  
Drafted Militia

Vance, Robert, Pvt; Col Samuel Wear, Capt Joseph Calloway, Mounted Infantry

Vance, Samuel, Pvt; Col Phillip Pipkin, Capt James Blakemore, Militia Infantry

Vance, Samuel, Pvt; Col Samuel Bunch, Capt Samuel Richardson, East Tennessee  
Drafted Militia; discharged for inability

Vance, Samuel, Pvt; Col Samuel Bunch, Capt Samuel Richardson, East Tennessee  
Drafted Militia

Vance, William K., Sgt; Col John Williams, Capt David G. Vance, East Tennessee  
Mounted Volunteers

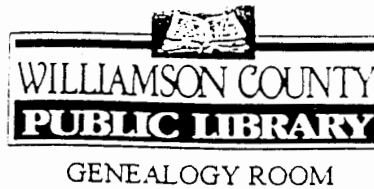
Vance, William, Pvt; Col John Williams, Capt William Walker, East Tennessee  
Mounted Volunteers

Vance, William, Pvt; Col William Metcalf, Capt Thomas Marks, Militia  
Infantry

--Mary Vance Norfleet



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THE EDYTHE RUCKER WHITLEY MANUSCRIPT COLLECTION

Maurice Vance would like to know if anyone has taken our suggestion to research in the Williamson County, Tennessee Public Library at Franklin, Tennessee. This Whitley Collection consists of over 2,300 notebooks of genealogical research compiled by Mrs. Edythe Rucker Whitley during her lifetime. She conducted extensive research on pioneer families of Tennessee, North Carolina, Virginia and other states. This manuscript collection is organized by surname and is accessed through an in-house index. This collection has two manuscript boxes specifically on Vance family, and some Vance materials may be found in other (indexed) family records. Please, don't we have a volunteer to tap these resources?

**National Union Catalog of Manuscript Collections**, published in 1962 and thereafter by the Library of Congress. Each volume has a detailed index, so if a given collection contains information concerning a certain Vance that fact should be noted in the index under "Vance, certain." Maurice Vance would like to go through these volumes, pulling out all the Vance items from each index and putting them together in one master list of "Vances in American Manuscript Collections" If anyone is already working on this project, he would be happy to yield! The main purpose at this point is to make this information available as a research tool, in the event he does not get around to it, we would know about it. Unless someone calls you Maurice, get busy!

**Tennessee-Illinois.** Maurice recently was going through some of his mother's papers and found some notes that she had taken at a family reunion in 1928 that involved his grandfather, Nicholas Milton, and several of his brothers, some of whom remembered the Civil War. His father, Amos Milton, and one of his cousins had asked their elders to tell whatever they could about their father and his family. Maurice remembers the gathering well, though has no memory of anything they said. According to his mother's notes:

Amos's grandfather - Maurice's great grandfather - was Nicholas P. Vance.  
(born in Tennessee) He had four brothers, Isaac Newton, a physician;  
William, a Methodist minister, Samuel, a farmer; Amos, a lawyer; and a  
sister Sarah. One or two of these settled near Bowling Green, Kentucky.

According to Maurice's own research, Illinois census records for Macoupin County, in 1830-40-50-60 show three of these men, William, Isaac N. and (by 1840) Nicholas P. Vance. Maurice always wondered if these men were brothers, but had no evidence until these notes. He wishes to know if any VFA member has found any records of a Samuel, an Amos, or a Sarah in the Bowling Green, Kentucky area in the period around 1830-50, and is there any information concerning their father Please contact him at 2229 Amelia Circle, Tallahassee, FL 32304.

- Kathleen Mason

Virginia Publick Claims      Bedford County

Compiled and transcribed by Janice L. Abercrombie and Richard Slatten

- Bedford County Court Booklet 2 page 5: at a court held for Bedford County 25 February 1782.

David Board proved he furnished by order of this Court to **Allis Carr** wife of David Carr a soldier in the Continental Service 50# pork, allowed 30/& 2 barrels corn allowed 10/ per barrel. (No other mention of Allis or David Carr) It might be worth looking for the death record of David Carr or the marriage records of Bedford to see if Allis remarried. This is the only Allis/Alice Carr I've seen in Virginia.

Early Adventurers on the Western waters Vol 3. Mary Kegley

Alexander Sayers lived in (present) Wythe Co. VA and was a cousin to John Buchanan. In Spring, 1761 Alexander bought land at New London in Bedford County VA. Beginning in 1758 Alexander received pay for himself and his militia company. One man on the rolls of Sayer's company was Samuel Vance.

A John Vance was associated (closely) with both John Buchanan and Alexander Sayers in Wythe County and the same John Vance moved to Bedford County during the Indian uprisings of the 1750's.

The location of John Vance in Wythe County VA is on Reed Creek near the present town of Wytheville, VA. Samuel Vance who married Allie Carr lived near Kernersville, NC. The distance between the 2 locations is not far..In the hillbilly language I speak John would have been at the top of the mountain and around the ridge and Samuel lived at the foot of the mountain. (The highway connecting the 2 places today is US 52 -- more or less) .

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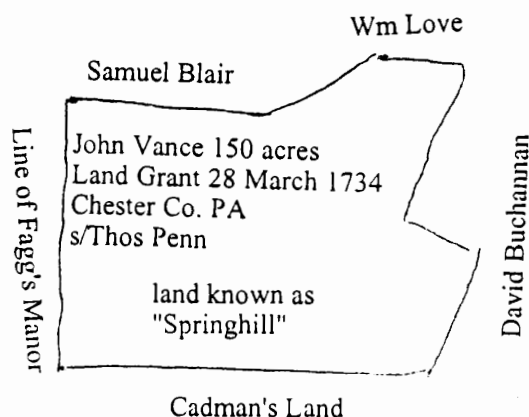
**John Vance of Chester County, Pennsylvania**  
Research of Fay Morrison

At her request to the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission in October 1995 for any Vance land records from the late 1600's through 1750 in the two counties adjoining Philadelphia, which was Chester and Bucks Counties, Fay received a copy of a land grant to John Vance. The land was located in Londonderry Township, Chester County, Pennsylvania, lying on a branch of Doe Run. Vance agreed to pay at rate of 15 pounds 10 shillings for 100 acres plus yearly quit-rent of One Half-penny sterling for every acre. He was given six months to have the land surveyed. The document was signed 28 March 1734 - see copy next page.

This land was sold by John Vance to John Kinkead and his son, the executor of his will, 30 September 1755, who, as a result of the will dated 3 May 1785 conveyed it to David Kinkead. The latter document was signed by James Irvine, Vice President of the Commonwealth and sealed 18 June 1785. Fay also received copies of those documents.

*Comments/questions by Kathleen:*

The John Vance who was in Wythe/Bedford County Virginia fits the time frame of the sale of the land in Pennsylvania. See April 1991 pg 46/7 and NL July 1995 pg. 76/78.. Note a John **Buchanan** was associated with John Vance in Bedford County, and David **Buchanan** was a land owner next to a John Vance's land in Pennsylvania. Is this the same person? Your comments please. We hope someone can document their line back to this John Vance. What a treasure to have a copy of his land grant!



Pennsylvania, ss.

## By the Proprietaries.

**A**T the Request of *John Vance* of the County of *Chester*  
that We would grant him to take up *One hundred & fifty* Acres of Land  
lying on a Branch of *De Runn* in the *Said*  
County of *Chester* for which *He* agrees to pay to our Use at *Rate of* Fifteen Pounds  
Ten Shillings current Money of the Province for *one* Hundred Acres, and the yearly Quit-rent of one  
Half-penny Sterling for every Acre thereof; THESE are to authorize and require thee to survey or  
cause to be survey'd unto the said *John Vance* at the Place aforesaid, according to the  
Method of Townships appointed, the said Quantity of *150* Acres that hath not been already survey'd or  
appropriated, and make Return thereof into the Secretary's Office, in order for a further Confirmation;  
which Survey, in case the said *John Vance* fulfil the above Agreement within *six*  
Months from the Date hereof, shall be valid, otherwise to be void. G I V E N under my Hand, and the  
lesser Seal of our Province, at *Philadelphia*, this *28<sup>th</sup>* Day of *March* Anno Dom. *1734*

To *Benjamin Eastburn*, Surveyor General.

*Thos. Penn*

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PENNSYLVANIA

Research of: Bill Allen, 2130 Crystal St., Anderson, IN. 46012

Bucks County; WB #2, p186: 3 May 1764, Proved 13 March 1769. Will of Joshua Glass of Hilltown Twp. Oldest brother, Daniel Glass; second brother; Samuel; third, Isaac. Sister, Ann and sister's son, James Kerr all of Parish of Seapatrik, County Downs, Kingdom of Ireland. Cousin Robert Glass' son Samuel; COUSIN ELIZABETH VANCE'S SON WILLIAM, Robert Glass of Fredrick County Virginia and Matthew Greer of Plumstead Twp. Bucks County. Ex'rs-Wits: George Kelso, Mark Kerr and Hugh Boden. (Note Joshua Glass had siblings in Sea Patrik, County Down, Ireland and he owned land in Fredrick County Virginia though he lived in Bucks County PA.) Question: Could his cousin ELIZABETH GLASS VANCE'S husband, JAMES (died 1751) ever have lived in Bucks County, PA?

WB 6, p 36: Mary Chapman, Wrightstown, -dated 6 mo 20 1768, Proved June 26, 1797. Son: James Chapman and Nephew John Hillborn, Ex'rs. Daughters: Elizabeth Black, Sarah Chapman and Susanna Chapman, - Sons: James, Robert, Abraham and Charles Chapman; Granddaughters: Mary and Margaret (can't read) AGNES and ELIZABETH VANCE; Wits: Mary Vansant, Hannah Lee and John Hillborn.

CHESTER COUNTY PA: Abstracts of Wills and Adminstrations. # 3728: JOHN VANCE New London, 3 July 1775--3 October 1785. Provides for wife, REBECCA VANCE otherwise McNutt. To daughters ANN, JANE and REBECCA £5. each. To son ROBERT's two sons JOHN and ARTHUR VANCE, wearing apparel and to his daughter ANN £5.+c. To son JOHN's two sons ARTHUR and JOHN £5. To son GEORGE all cash bonds ? also EX'er. Wits: George Campbell and Thomas Bines.

Will of William Huston of W. Chichester, 16 April 1787. Proved 20 June 1789. Provides to wife, Agnes-two tracts of land in Chichester, to sons William and Aaron each 121 and 127 acres of land subject to legacies of 1/4 thier appraised value to daughters Rebecca and Agnes Huston. To daughter Mary Bratten, £3. To daughter ELIZABETH VANCE £3. To Sarah, daughter of James, deceased, 1 dollar. Remainder to wife Agnes and 6 children, viz. Wm., Aaron, Rebecca, Agnes, Mary and Elizabeth. Wife and sons William and Aaron Ex'rs. Wm. Eyse, John Talbot and John Booth, Wits. QUESTION: Is this ELIZABETH HUSTON VANCE wife of PATRICK VANCE of Chambersburg, PA.? We have members from this line.

Will of Phillip David of East Nantmell Township, Chester County. To sister Gwan Llian David, £2, to sister Janet David, £2.to wife Catherine all personal estate, she paying legacies, also Mr Card during life and after her decease. To my servant Evan, son of Griffith Griffith, to him and his heirs ? . Ex'rs: wife, Catherine, John Griffies and William Rees. COD.: ? to Evan Griffies all bequeathed to his wife she now being deceased except £5 to THOMAS son of WILLIAM VANCE at 21. ? named to Clement Radford and named as Ex'rs: Nathaniel Jones and John Rees. Letters to Jones. Rees ? . Witness: Jermiah kyle, John Lewis and John (X) Cain. Will dated: 3 June 1742; COD: 1 Mar 1747/8 Probated: 23 March 1747/8.

*A Virginia Hillbilly*

Dear Bruce and Kathleen,

I can answer most of Clefaine King's query on p 35 of the Jan '96 VFA-NL. I am a native of the Appalachians and qualify as a "hillbilly". We (Vances) have resided in the Appalachians for at least 250 years. Several Vance families produced Governors, 3 of those esteemed men descended of the hillbilly Vances.

Before the invention of the auto, train and plane people back home traveled the old fashioned way, on foot, unless they happened to own a horse or two. The roads followed Indian or buffalo trails. Our ancestors fought destitution, the elements, wild animals, Indians, snakes, Torgs and probably each other to provide a home and a new life for themselves and their posterity.

Since our ancestors were settlers they lived in whatever they could find to protect themselves until they could cut trees to build a cabin. I have read of them living under wagons and in caves. The original settler of my home county is said to have spent his first winter in the mountains sleeping in a hollow tree trunk. There was plenty of sustenance for the taking, but they had to work for it. There is an abundance of game, fish, fowl, fruit, nuts, root crops and greens in the Appalachians today and an industrious, frugal person could exist. I have read that most of a pioneer man's time was spent procuring food for his family and the life of his wife and children offered little idle time either. Most lived far from settled areas and schools were scarce but most had an education and the Bible was often the text book.

The question of how they earned a living deserves some thought. The early settlers were fairly self sufficient, lots of them squatted on unoccupied land near a spring or creek, cut trees to build a shelter, grocery shopped in the woods, spun wild flax or galax and tanned skins for clothing. Cash money was practically nonexistent, they might have earned a few dollars from selling skins or ginseng. Some of the very early Vances dug lead for ammunition for protection from Indians and Torgs, in later years they worked in the timber industry. After coal became king they went to the mines for higher wages and some worked building railroads to ship the coal out to markets. There was some small scale farming done by the family but most left the farm for industry. Several Vance mountain families produced one or more preachers.

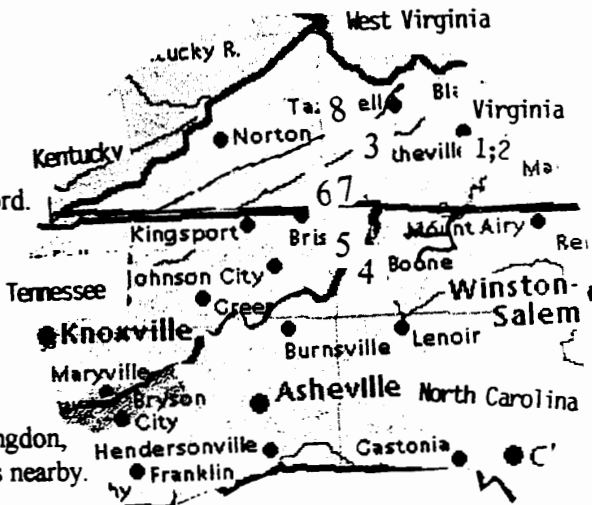
Several Vance families settled in the Appalachians early. I have enclosed a map to attempt to explain where these so called "hillbillies" resided. (1) **John Vance**, the earliest Vance west of the Blue Ridge, lived on Reed Creek near present Wytheville, VA prior to 1745. (2) **Robert Vance** lived in the same area by 1750. If either **John** or **Robert** had crossed one mountain they would have been in the neighborhood in which (3) **Alexander Vance** lived a few years later or if they had followed the New River a few miles south from their home into North Carolina they would have been at the area (4). **Matthew Vance** lived near Boone, NC. From (4) **Matthew's** residence he could cross one mountain and be at the home of (5) **Mary Vance Greer** and (5) **Mary** could easily travel from her home near Elizabethtown, TN to the residences of (6) **Samuel and Sarah Colville Vance** or (7) **John and Jane Black Vance** at Abingdon VA. Either of the Abingdon Vances could have been at the home of (8) **Abner Vance** in 3 or 4 hours. (6) **Samuel**, (7) **John** or (8) **Abner** could have traveled from their homes to that of (3) **Alexander** within approximately the same length of time.

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All of this traveling was done in my mind, on a good horse, on a nice day without having to stop and kill snakes, Indians or other vermin. These folks might not have had horses but the mountains and distances have not changed. I have attached a rough map showing the locations of some of the early Vances, I neglected to mention Samuel Vance who lived near Winston Salem, NC; Samuel Vance who lived in Green County, TN; the John Vance who lived in Ashe Co, NC or Dr Patrick Vance who spent some time at the Long Island of the Holston because I am not real sure of the exact location of their residences. You will note the shaded areas on the map are mountains. Travel back then was accomplished by crossing the mountain rather than going around them as many highways do today.

If you decide to take a real trip up to my old stomping ground, call me and I'll be more than glad to serve as tour guide. The only stipulation would be that I drive, I refuse to ride on mountain roads with a flat-lander.

- (1) John Vance lived on Reed Creek east of Wytheville, VA and (2) Robert Vance lived somewhere in the same neighborhood.
- (3) Alexander Vance lived on the North Fork of Holston River near the present village of Broadford.
- (4) Matthew Vance lived near Spruce Pine, NC
- (5) Mary Vance Greer (Mrs Andrew) lived near the present site of Elizabethtown, TN.
- (6) Samuel Vance lived about 5 miles below Abingdon, VA just off the Jonesboro Road. Spring Creek is nearby.



- (7) John Vance lived on Chip Ridge which is about 4 or 5 miles Northeast of Abingdon.
- (8) Abner Vance lived on the headwaters of the Clinch River in present Russell County, VA.

*Grace*  
Grace Dotson  
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## SOME DESCENDANTS OF LT. WILLIAM BLACKBURN

TYLERS QUARTERLY now known as The William and Mary Quarterly  
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Research of: Grace Dotson

"In 1775 Lord Fairfax gave a grant of land to Arthur, George and William Blackburn of Fairfax County Virginia, the land was in Frederick County Virginia, on Mulberry Run. The three brothers moved later to Washington County Virginia. They were named as brothers in the "will" of George Blackburn, recorded August 17, 1778 in Abingdon, Washington County Virginia (WB 1 p 82), 2 sisters mentioned, Margaret (Mrs William) Casey and Mary B. White. LT William Blackburn of Washington County Virginia was killed in the Battle of King's Mountain, October 7, 1780 (ref. p 304 of DRAPER's King's Mountain and It's Heros). The widow of LT William Blackburn, i.e., Elizabeth (Black) Blackburn, and her brother, CPT Joseph Black and John Blackburn were granted letters of Admin. on the estate of LT William on 24 November 1780 and they with Samuel Newell and John Davis gave bond in the amount of 8000 pds (Book 1, p 97 at Abingdon). Heirs mentioned were: Daughter Mary who had married **Samuel Vance**; daughter Jean who had married Joseph Cusick, daughter Elizabeth who had married John Lusk and a daughter who had married David Evans, 2 daughters Patsy and Sallie Blackburn (evidently unmarried) and the widow Mrs Elizabeth Blackburn.

Joseph and Jean are buried in the Old Presbyterian Cemetery (now New Providence Cemetery) near Sanford in Edgar County Illinois. Joseph was born 2-10-1772 died 15 October 1854. Jean was born 28 Sept 1772 and died 1 Sept 1838. After the Revolution they removed to Blount County Tennessee and lived there many years before moving to Edgar County, IL. Their children were: Marietta, born 1800 in Blount Co TN; Joseph Blackburn Cusick; Martha Cusick; David Cusick; Jane Cusick; John Black Cusick and Samuel Cusick.

Marietta (above) married on 21 September 1819 in Blount County Tennessee William Grey Simms (he was the son of James Simms, a Revolutionary War soldier (James and Mary) Simms whose will is recorded in Pittsylvania County VA - 1773.)

William and Marietta Simms had 12 children: James W.; Joseph C.; Martha J.; Catherine; Elizabeth Black; Margaret E.; Sarah A.; William Blackburn; John G.; David; Mary Ellen and Samuel Newell Simms."

Question: These Cusicks were in Blount County Tennessee. What was their relationship to the John Cusick who witnessed and proved Samuel Vance's 1778 will in Washington Co VA and what was their relationship to the Cusick mentioned in **Kathleen's Corner** on the following page of this news letter?





## Kathleen's Korner

The saga continues....it pays to read every word in the newsletter. The very day Keith F. Evans, Jr. received his newsletter, he immediately called me. I was not home. He called again and told my husband he wanted to talk to me about something in 'Kathleen's Korner.' When I returned home, I looked at that page and told my husband "I'll bet he is going to tell me that David Vance's wife was an Evans before marriage." Well, that is exactly what he told me. He said he had all the children's name of Samuel Evans and Ann Colville -- furthermore it included the Nancy Cusick named in David Vance's will that I inquired about. She was his wife's sister, a logical reason for being named in the will. See Apr NL 1995 Pg 43/50; Oct 1995 pg 120; Jan 1996 pg 29/30. We will never get the complete picture of any Vance family unless we pay attention to the witnesses, guardians, and allied lines that are associated with the family.

**Children of Samuel Evans and Ann Colville, and their spouses. Research of Keith F. Evans, Jr., 311 North Jefferson, Iola, Kansas 66749 Ph (316) 365 7939.**

1. William Evans b. 1754 m. Martha Ferrell
2. Dorothy Evans b. 1756 m. Andrew Creswell
3. Joseph Evans b. 1758 m. Ann Creswell (Keith's ancestor)
4. James Evans b. ca 1761 no further info
5. Andrew Evans b. 1763 m. Jane Creswell
6. Margaret Evans b. ? m. David Vance
7. David Evans b. 1767 m. Hannah Greer (no other data)
8. Elizabeth Evans b. 1768 m. William McAdoo
9. Samuel C. Evans b. 1770 m. Margaret Vance
10. Robert C. Evans b. 1773 m. Elizabeth Davidson
11. Charles C. Evans b. 1775 m. Sarah Blackburn
12. Nancy Evans b. 1789 m. Samuel Cusick

Number 2, 3 and 5 married children of Henry and Rebecca Creswell.

Number 6 and 9 married children of Samuel (C.) and Elizabeth Vance.

Observation: The name Creswell. See NL Jan 1996 pg 20, where John Vance and wife Agnes Mitchell had a son Andrew Vance who married Mary Creswell, daughter of James and Elizabeth Creswell.

Also of interest, considering the above names is the fact that Samuel Vance's (wife Sarah Colville) will in 1778 Washington County, Virginia had as the witnesses Arthur and John Blackburn and John Cusick. It was proven by John Cusick and John Blackburn.

Other names of spouses in the Evans family that are frequently found in Vance genealogy are Greer, Blackburn and Davidson. Perhaps this will lead to further clues to ascertain exact kinship among the Vances that we currently cannot document.



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**ANGLIN, Harvey**

**RR 5 Box 190**

**Tupelo MS 38801 9805**

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| (8821) ANGLIN, Harvey    | B-               | D-               |
| (8823) FLIPPEN, Homer W  | B-               | D-               |
| (8825) FLIPPEN, Samuel I | B-               | D-               |
| (8827) GRIFFIN, James P  | B-               | D-               |
| (8829) NORTON, Stephen   | B-18 Jun 1799 VA | D-12 Aug 1874 TN |
| (8831) VANCE, Unk        | B-               | D-               |

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| (8822) FLIPPEN, Frances | B-    | MS            | D-         |
| (8824) MINYARD, Lula M  | B-    |               | D-         |
| (8826) GRIFFIN, Lillian | B-    |               | D-         |
| (8828) NORTON, Sarah    | B-    | 1840 TN       | D-         |
| (8830) VANCE, Frances   | B-    | 3 Jan 1804 VA | D-Aft 1880 |
| (8832) UNK, Judy        | B-Abt | 1785 VA       | D-         |

**BARNETT, John C**

**POB 240651**

**Douglas AK 99824**

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|--------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| (8794) BARNETT, John C   | B- 5 Mar 1953 OR | D-               |
| (8795) BARNETT, John P   | B- 8 Jun 1926 IN | D-               |
| (8797) BARNETT, Robert V | B-24 Jan 1892 IL | D-16 Dec 1973 IN |
| (8799) BARNETT, John R   | B-14 Feb 1852 KY | D-29 Mar 1915 IL |
| (8801) BARNETT, Thomas A | B-22 Sep 1825 KY | D-15 Feb 1900 IL |
| (8803) VANCE, Robert Sr  | B-Abt 1794       | D- Jun 1829 KY   |

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| (8796) SCOTT, Nancy L    | B-15 Nov 1926 KY | D-               |
| (8798) VANZEE, Henrietta | B- 2 Dec 1893 MI | D-21 Aug 1989 IN |
| (8800) MORRIS, Mary J    | B-19 Sep 1858 OH | D-23 Nov 1944 IN |
| (8802) VANCE, Amerias    | B-16 Nov 1829 KY | D-29 Oct 1906 CO |
| (8804) PIERCE, Elizabeth | B-Abt 1800       | D- 1 May 1875 KY |

**DUNN, Joyce**

**835 Sheridan Road**

**Wilmette IL 60091**

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|--------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| (8644) DUNN, Robert E    | B-               | D-               | M-24 Aug 1957 IL |
| (8615) LEMON, Herschel B | B- 3 Jun 1898 OH | D-12 Sep 1958 IL | M- 7 Apr 1928 DC |
| (8617) LEMON, Andrew V   | B-Abt 9 Mar OH   | D- 4 Jun 1930 OH | M-Abt 1897       |
| (8645) LEMON, Thomas P   | B- 1814 PA       | D- 1865 OH       | M-17 Jan 1839    |
| (3101) VANCE, Davis      | B-22 Nov 1786 PA | D-29 Mar 1837 OH | M- 5 Jul 1807    |

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| (8643) LEMON, Joyce D   | B- 9 Feb 1933 DC | D-               |
| (8737) ROBERTS, Grace A | B-10 Jan 1902 DC | D-18 Dec 1981 IL |
| (8616) LOVETT, Olga     | B-Abt 1872 OH    | D-23 Feb 1901 OH |
| (8646) VANCE, Eliza     | B-11 Jun 1819 PA | D- 9 Feb 1901 OH |
| (3102) TEDRICK, Hannah  | B-15 Nov 1788    | D-19 Sep 1877 OH |

**ENDSLEY, Erman Charles**

**4509 SW 179th**

**Newcastle OK 73065**

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| (8553) ENDSLEY, Erman C Jr | B- 3 Jul 1939 CA | D-               | M- 8 Mar 1966 OK |
| (8555) ENDSLEY, Erman C Sr | B-11 Mar 1912 OK | D-20 Jul 1976 OK | M-10 Jun 1932 NM |
| (8557) ENDSLEY, Charley N  | B-16 Feb 1880 MO | D-26 Nov 1938 NM | M-10 Nov 1907 OK |
| (8559) ENDSLEY, Lewis C    | B-24 May 1851 MO | D-26 May 1926 OK | M-18 May 1879 MO |
| (8561) ENDSLEY, Abraham Jr | B-26 Sep 1802 NC | D-26 Oct 1881 MO | M- 8 Sep 1828 NC |
| (3514) ENDSLEY, Abraham Sr | B-Abt 1756       | D-27 Jun 1808 NC |                  |
| (1621) VANCE, Samuel Sr    | B- 1726          | D-26 May 1789 NC |                  |

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| (8554) MANDRELL, Jhonda   | B-22 Aug 1941 OK | D-               |
| (8556) TAYLOR, Leota U    | B-11 Sep 1915 MO | D-22 Mar 1976 OK |
| (8558) AKER, Letisha M    | B- 1 Feb 1889 MO | D- 3 Mar 1968 OK |
| (8560) CALDWELL, Martha   | B-12 Feb 1855    | D-25 Apr 1943 OK |
| (8562) SHEARON, Elizabeth | B-10 Mar 1809 NC | D-16 Aug 1882 MO |
| (3511) VANCE, Sarah       | B-25 Nov 1766    | D-25 May 1837 MO |
| (101 ) UNK, Alice         | B-               | D-               |

**FAWLEY, Kristi**

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| (8750) FAWLEY, John R   | B-29 Jan 1946 OH | D-               | M- 2 Nov 1974 KY |
| (8749) FAWLEY, Robert K | B-               | D-               | M-28 Mar 1944 OH |
| (8735) VANCE, Burton    | B- 8 May 1888 OH | D-14 Oct 1968    | M- 4 Oct 1911    |
| (8622) VANCE, Davis E   | B- 6 Dec 1852 OH | D- 1 May 1932    | M- 3 Oct 1880    |
| (8671) VANCE, Davis J   | B- 5 Jul 1821 PA | D-30 May 1899 OH | M-25 Nov 1840    |
| (3101) VANCE, Davis     | B-22 Nov 1786 PA | D-29 Mar 1837 OH | M- 5 Jul 1807    |

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| (8754) FAWLEY, Kristi    | B-Abt 1978 OH    | D-               |
| (8752) KAUCHER, Alma J   | B-               | D-               |
| (8748) VANCE, Martha J   | B-20 Jul 1919 OH | D-               |
| (8746) SANDERS, Lottie B | B-13 Apr 1889    | D-12 Jun 1981    |
| (8623) WILKIN, Effie J   | B-               | D-               |
| (8678) PURDY, Eliza J    | B-16 Dec 1813 PA | D- 9 Dec 1902 OH |
| (3102) TEDRICK, Hannah   | B-15 Nov 1788    | D-19 Sep 1877 OH |

**FRANK, Harriette**

**8259 Wexford Ave**

**Cincinnati OH 45236 1605**

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| (8606) FRANK, Unk      | B-               | D-               |
| (8608) CONN, Alexander | B-               | D-               |
| (8609) CONN, Arthur    | B- 1870          | D- 1896          |
| (8611) CONN, Isaac     | B- 1831 PA       | D- 1906 OH       |
| (8612) VANCE, Jacob J  | B- 6 Oct 1809 PA | D- 6 Nov 1890 OH |
| (3101) VANCE, Davis    | B-22 Nov 1786 PA | D-29 Mar 1837 OH |

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| (8607) CONN, Harriette   | B-11 Apr 1920 | D-               |
| (8815) HARSHMAN, Olive   | B-            | D-               |
| (8814) LAZELL, Elizabeth | B-            | D-               |
| (8610) VANCE, Hannah     | B-Abt 1834 PA | D- 1914 OH       |
| (8674) GADDIS, Rachel    | B-Abt 1809 PA | D-16 Dec 1881 OH |
| (3102) TEDRICK, Hannah   | B-15 Nov 1788 | D-19 Sep 1877 OH |

**HOYT, Shirley**

**17375 Melody Lane**

**Los Gatos CA 95030**

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| (8757) HOYT, Harold M   | B-               | D-               |
| (8758) VANCE, Robert R  | B-22 Apr 1908 NE | D-29 Nov 1966 TX |
| (8760) VANCE, James H   | B- 1 Apr 1878 OH | D-27 Oct 1943 WY |
| (8762) VANCE, Robert D  | B- 8 Dec 1855 OH | D-28 Dec 1928 WY |
| (8764) VANCE, Daily     | B- 1827 OH       | D-               |
| (8766) VANCE, Robert Sr | B- 1791 MD       | D-               |

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| (8756) VANCE, Shirley M | B-14 Feb 1935 WY | D-               |
| (8759) MILLER, Velma L  | B-24 Jan 1915 WY | D-27 Sep 1990 WY |
| (8761) SCOTT, Cora L    | B- 2 Dec 1872 IL | D-29 Dec 1919    |
| (8763) LITTLE, Margaret | B-14 Jul 1855 OH | D-24 Apr 1933 WY |
| (8765) WATT, Jane       | B- 1825 OH       | D-               |
| (8767) DAILY, Catherine | B- 1798 PA       | D-               |

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**MARSHALL, Robert W**

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|----------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|--------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| (9014) MARSHALL, Robert W  | B-11 Aug 1925 WA | D-               | M- 4 Aug 1951 CA | (9015) GUFFEY, Gladys N  | B-18 Dec 1932 KS | D-               |
| (9016) MARSHALL, William W | B-11 Feb 1899 MO | D-25 Sep 1978 WA | M-11 Jun 1924 WA | (9017) MCDANIEL, Zelia C | B-17 Oct 1903 WA | D- 2 Aug 1981 WA |
| (9018) MARSHALL, William C | B-15 Nov 1875 IA | D- 3 Apr 1903 KS | M-18 May 1898    | (9019) MCMAHAN, Minnie M | B-20 Nov 1875 MO | D-25 Jan 1922 WA |
| (9020) MARSHALL, Andrew S  | B-19 Jun 1855 IA | D-27 Feb 1928 KS | M- 1 Mar 1875 IA | (9021) CALVIN, Mary A    | B- 6 Dec 1854 IA | D-21 Nov 1938 CO |
| (3039) CALVIN, John        | B- Apr 1828 PA   | D-24 Jan 1912 KS | M- 9 Mar 1852 PA | (3040) VANCE, Nancy      | B- Feb 1830 PA   | D-23 Nov 1906 KS |
| (1063) VANCE, William      | B-Abt 1780       | D-13 Feb 1841 OH |                  | (1064) UNK, Mary         | B- Apr 1785      | D- 4 Oct 1837 IA |

**VANCE, Cathy**

**8002 Quail Hollow Blvd**

**Zephyrhills FL 33544**

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| (9010) VANCE, Calvin W  | B-11 Dec 1947 KY | D-               | M-13 Aug 1967 FL | (9011) PARNELL, Cathy J | B-10 Apr 1950 IL | D-               |
| (9008) VANCE, Lee H     | B-25 Oct 1901 KY | D-30 Dec 1958 KY | M- 3 Feb 1922    | (9009) SALTER, Beulah G | B-26 Apr 1906 KY | D- 2 Mar 1984 KY |
| (6329) VANCE, John R    | B- 1872 KY       | D-               | M-13 Oct 1892    | (9007) MINIX, Willimina | B- Mar 1876      | D-               |
| (5991) VANCE, William H | B-15 Feb 1844 VA | D-               | M-20 Feb 1867 KY | (6112) WHITT, Malinda J | B- 1847 VA       | D-               |
| (1138) VANCE, John C    | B-31 Jul 1818 VA | D- 1 Jun 1896 KY | M-18 Apr 1843    | (1139) GRIFFITS, Rhoda  | B-14 Feb 1826    | D-21 Mar 1907 KY |
| (1322) VANCE, William   | B- 1789 VA       | D-17 May 1853 VA | M- 4 Feb 1807 VA | (1015) UNK, Nancy       | B-Abt 1790       | D-Aft 1853       |
| (300 ) VANCE, Abner Sr  | B-Abt 1755       | D-16 Jul 1819 VA |                  | (301 ) HOWARD, Susannah | B- 1767          | D-Aft 1850 WV    |

**VANCE, James Merle**

**#20 Pickfaire**

**McLoud OK 74851**

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| (8789) VANCE, James M   | B-23 Oct 1938 WY | D-               | M- 5 Dec 1959 KS | (8790) BEATY, Monty G   | B- 6 Nov 1939 KS | D-               |
| (8758) VANCE, Robert R  | B-22 Apr 1908 NE | D-29 Nov 1966 TX | M- 8 Jun 1933 CO | (8759) MILLER, Velma L  | B-24 Jan 1915 WY | D-27 Sep 1990 WY |
| (8760) VANCE, James H   | B- 1 Apr 1878 OH | D-27 Oct 1943 WY |                  | (8761) SCOTT, Cora L    | B- 2 Dec 1872 IL | D-29 Dec 1919    |
| (8762) VANCE, Robert D  | B- 8 Dec 1855 OH | D-28 Dec 1928 WY |                  | (8763) LITTLE, Margaret | B-14 Jul 1855 OH | D-24 Apr 1933 WY |
| (8764) VANCE, Daily     | B- 1827 OH       | D-               |                  | (8765) WATT, Jane       | B- 1825 OH       | D-               |
| (8766) VANCE, Robert Sr | B- 1791 MD       | D-               |                  | (8767) DAILY, Catherine | B- 1798 PA       | D-               |



From the pedigree of Joyce Lemon Dunn, see first page of pedigrees  
**Eliza Vance** (8646) born 1819, Pennsylvania, daughter of **Davis Vance** (3101) / **Hannah Tedrick Vance** (3102)  
 Lower left with her son, **Andrew Vance Lemon** (8617), his wife **Olga May Lovett Lemon** (8616) and grandson  
**Herschel Bernhard Lemon** (8615). Picture taken at the Oak Spring Farm, New Market, Highland County, Ohio

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# Queries

**Martin Vance and Jacob Vance** entered adjacent 200 acre surveys in Green Co. KY on 14 June 1799 on the Big Barren River. (Green Co. Entries Book, p 204) Can anyone identify these men?

**Susan A. Henderson, 55 West Monroe, Suite 500, Chicago IL 60603.**

Book Wanted: A copy of 'THE MISSOURI VANCES AND THEIR DESCENDANTS, A Study of the Ancestry and Posterity of **John Vance** of Frederick Co.' by **Mrs. Vida Surber Vance**. Will either purchase or pay to have it copied.

**Kathleen Koepp, 2368 Magda Circle, Thousand Oaks, CA 91360**

Seeking fellow researcher of **Andrew Whitney Vance** (8839), son of **William Vance** (5737)/**Chloe Whitney** (8838). Andrew died in an army hospital in Texas during the Civil War. He was with Co. K, 5th Illinois Cavalry. This line extends to VFA **Andrew [1]** and **Andrew [2] Vance**.

**Betty Silfies, 3023 Livingston, Allentown, PA 18104**

Help. Would like for someone living near the Ellejoy Baptist Church in rural Blount Co., Tennessee to get 35 MM photos of **David Vance** and **Margaret (Evans) Tombstones**. Need clear reproduction for genealogy write up and history.. All expenses will be covered.

**Keith F. Evans, Jr., 311 North Jefferson, Iola, KS, 66749, 316-365-7939**

The 1780 Tax List of East Nantmeal, Chester Co., PA includes **Jacob Vance, Thomas Vance and William Vance**. Anyone know more about these three?

**Bruce Vance, 612 155th Place NE, Bellevue, WA 98007-4822**

This picture is supposedly of the **Rev. David Colville, Jr.** and **Jennie Fillmore Vance**, with children and possibly nieces. Can anyone confirm?

**Jane Jones, 523 E Nelson, Ave, Alexandria, VA 22301**



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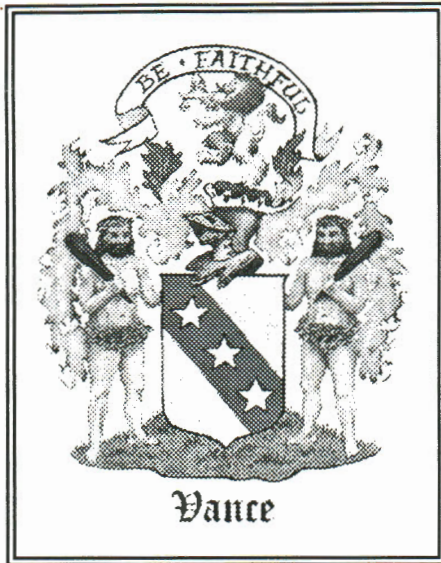
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**GOAL:** To research and record the origins of the Vance Family.

**PURPOSE:** Collect literary, historical, and genealogical records and relics relating to the Vance families. To preserve this collection in an established Vance Family archive.

*THE VFA is non-profit, non-political, non-discriminatory and non-sectarian. Members receive quarterly newsletters which include articles by the Association Historian, selected summarized pedigrees, queries and research items of interest from other members.*

*New members are encouraged to submit pedigree charts of their Vance lines. The VFA will provide pedigree sheets and assistance in completion.*

*National biannual conferences meetings are held to elect officers, conduct necessary business and allow members to meet in person.*

**ORGANIZED:** August of 1984

You are cordially invited to join the **VANCE FAMILY ASSOCIATION**. The growth of the VFA is dependent on member participation, so we sincerely hope you will consider joining us in this endeavor to share research information and to promote the proud heritage of our Vance name.

To join, simply fill out the form and return it with your check made out to **VANCE FAMILY ASSOCIATION**. As soon as possible or with this form submit a pedigree chart with your line of Vance ancestry. This will be recorded and a copy sent to you for editing.

Membership is annually renewable on the first of January each year. Late memberships of any year will receive all back issues for that given year of membership. Membership dues paid after October 1st will become active on January 1 of the following year unless otherwise noted.

Yes, I wish to join the **VANCE FAMILY ASSOCIATION**  
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- ☐ Individual..... \$15.00
- ☐ Supporting ..... \$25.00
- ☐ Organization.....\$15.00 (Libraries, Genealogical Societies,etc)
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- ☐ Additional mailing fee of \$20.00 for members in other foreign countries
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## President-Editor's Message

It is indeed an honor that we can count Senator Trent Lott as a member of the VFA. I think we can wish Senator Lott the best of luck in his new duties without damaging our bylaws on staying non-political.

I have decided to split this column. In the back of the newsletter will appear a new section called 'Computer Stuff.' This split is in deference to the VFA members who aren't involved in recording family history via the PC. Also, having a separate computer column will allow us to report more technical news without fear of boring the non-users. I am pleased to report that the entire Historian

team is computerized and on-line. Virginia Vance Lovett was the final member to take the plunge and rumor has it that she is enjoying herself. Check the officer/historian list on the front page for E-mail addresses.

Another change. We will begin the dues renewal process with the July newsletters. Experience has shown us that renewal requires two mailings to 'wake' everyone up. This eliminates the expense of a large reminder mailing and hopefully will do away with the special follow up altogether.

**San Antonio 1997.** Bob Vance, VFA Secretary, has set the dates for the 1997 meeting. They will be May 15, 16, 17. We have guest rooms set aside at the Menger Hotel where Bob has negotiated a group rate. The Menger is a National Registered Landmark. It has been beautifully restored and is next to the Alamo. Bobby Vance of Waco, Texas sent a copy of the January 1996 Texas Highway magazine which has an article with pictures devoted to the Menger. For the benefit of our southern friends, Robert E. Lee once rode his horse through the lobby!

We are adding a day to extend the historical touring phase of our meetings. Our detailed schedule should be ready by the October newsletter.

There is so much history in this area that Eva and I are planning on staying a few extra days. There was a large contingent of German merchants in the 19th century and the area they settled in, the King William District, has been designated a Historic District. Almost all the homes and mansions have been restored. Fort Sam Houston has several museums, one features 200 years of Army medical history. Of course there are the missions, established in the 1700's, of which the Alamo is one. There is Pioneer Hall where artifacts of trail drives are featured. Not quite historical but entertaining is the Ripleys Believe It Or Not galleries and the river walk. There is a children's museum with 'hands on' allowed just a short piece from the Menger. The San Antonio Museum of Art is a treat especially if you enjoy pre-Columbian American art.

The San Antonio Convention & Visitors Bureau will send free brochures, just call 1-800-447-3372.

**The Endsley Family Newsletter,** Volume III, Issue 1, devoted a couple of pages to the Vance/Endsley family connections and to our organization. Our thanks to the editor, Charles Endsley, Jr. For more information his address is 4509 SW 179th St, Newcastle, OK 73065.

**Quintin Vance's Southwest Virginia Mini-Conference.** Its a GO! Check the enclosed flyer.

**McConnaughey.** Bob Hadeen wrote of the Marquis/Vance/McConnaughey intermarriages. It reminded me to mention that anyone researching the McConnaugheys or their multitude of name variations, should contact The McConnaughey Society of America, c/o Pat McConnaughay Gregory, POB 27501, 5401 S Meridian, Indianapolis, IN. 46227. She is an longtime friend and a fountain of information. It is about time to again mention that Bob Hadeen is a prime source for Marquis information. He can be reached at POB-322, Sunnyside, WA 98944-0322.

**The October newsletter** will contain a great letter from Phyllis Worrall explaining my 'Spanish Milled Dollars' comment in the April NL Fayette County Deed article. She included other interesting facets of early Southwest Pennsylvania history. Thanks, Phyllis.

Enuff,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, likely belonging to the author of the message.

*SENATE MAJORITY LEADER TRENT LOTT  
of MISSISSIPPI  
BY Kathleen Mason*

The election of Senator Trent Lott ( Miss.) to the position of Senate Majority Leader on June 12, 1996, adds his name to a long list of Vaux/Vance descendants who have served in a leadership position in the United States. He joins a distinguished list of men who have been featured in the newsletter - President George Washington, President Andrew Jackson, Governor Zebulon Vance (North Carolina), Governor Joseph Vance (Ohio), Governor James Lusk Alcorn (Mississippi), Governor George Docking (Kansas), Governor Robert Blackwell Docking (Kansas), Governor Henry D. Hatfield (West Virginia), Lt. Governor Thomas Robert Docking (Kansas), Lt. Governor William Vance Marquis (Ohio), and Secretary of State Cyrus Vance.

Senator Lott's public service career began in 1968 when he became the administrative assistant to his predecessor, Congressman William M. Colmer of Mississippi. He was elected to his first term in the House of Representatives in 1972 and was re-elected seven times. In 1980 he was elected House Republican Whip, the first Southerner to be named to the post since its creation. This is the second ranking leadership position in the House.

In 1988 he was elected to the U. S. Senate where after serving only four years, he rose to Secretary of Senate Republican Conference, the fourth ranking position. He served on the Senate Ethics Committee; Senate's Committee on Armed Services; Committee on Commerce; Science and Transportation; Committee on the Budget; and Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

On December 2, 1994, Senator Lott was elected by his colleagues to serve as Senate Majority Whip, the number two leadership position in the Senate, for the 104<sup>th</sup> Congress. According to the Library of Congress, he is the first person to hold the position of Whip in both bodies of Congress. He is also the first person from a southern state to serve as the Senate Majority Whip. As a result of the Republicans' majority status in the Senate, for the first time Trent Lott serves as chairman of two subcommittees. They are Strategic Forces under Armed Services and the Surface Transportation and Merchant Marine Subcommittee under Commerce, Science and Transportation. Since the Senate Majority Leader is not permitted to hold any committee chairmanship, Lott will lose the chairmanship positions but will remain on those committees. At a later date, it is anticipated that he will move from the Committee on Armed Services to Finance Committee.

Born October 9, 1941 in Grenada, Mississippi Senator Lott's Vance and Lott ancestors settled and lived in adjoining Carroll County in 1833 and 1834 respectively. His father Chester Lott was a farmer and his mother Iona Watson Lott was a school teacher. When he was very young the family moved to Pascagoula, Mississippi where his father worked in the shipyard. His mother still resides in Pascagoula. He graduated from Pascagoula High School in 1959 and received a B.P.A. degree from the University of Mississippi in 1963. After working as a field representative for Ole Miss, he earned his J.D. Degree from the University of Mississippi School of Law in 1967. He married Tricia Thompson of Pascagoula, the daughter of a local dentist. They have a son Chet, and a daughter Tyler.



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Senator Lott's ancestor James Alexander Vance Sr. lived in Pennsylvania, where his eldest son Adam was born in 1781. It is not proven yet if James Sr. was born in Pennsylvania or Ireland, but it is known that he was a cousin of brothers Patrick and John Vance of Chambersburg, Pennsylvania who were there as early as 1754, and David Vance of Mecklenburg County, North Carolina. When James Sr. moved south, he moved near David Vance of Mecklenburg County, North Carolina in the then disputed border area. James is found in Camden District, York County, South Carolina census records in 1790. On May 27, 1796 James Vants purchased from Josiah Hill 200 acres located at the headwaters of the Sandy River in Chester County, South Carolina. His occupation was shown as a weaver in the deed. In 1800 he was listed in Chester County, with the spelling of his name in the census as James Vaunce. In 1807 he purchased an additional 107 acres from Stephen Richardson. James Vance (Sr.) in 1818 deeded 80 acres to each of his four sons - Adam, William, John (P.) and James. The land description is the same as in the Vants and Vance purchases, and the deed of sale spells the name Vance. He was in the 1820 census as James Vance. He died before 1822. Shortly thereafter, his three youngest sons moved to Pickens County, Alabama. Later their brother Adam moved to Randolph County, Alabama before 1840 and Cherokee County before 1850.

John P. Vance and wife Isabella McNulty Vance were the ancestors of Senator Trent Lott. A farmer in Pickens County, Alabama, John held the position of Justice of Peace in 1832 as well as the elected position of Commissioner of the Court of Roads and Revenue, which he resigned in 1833 to move to Mississippi. This was less than 100 miles from where he had lived for 10 years. The three brothers and their young sons helped each other build a log cabin house. When they finished the cabin of John P. Vance in Carroll County, they returned to Pickens County, Alabama to move their families. John P. left his eldest son 13 year old William to clear the land around his new home. A white family and friendly Indians were nearby. At night the wolves would scratch at the door, for William had fresh deer meat inside the cabin. This was told by William's son to his great nephew, W. E. Vance of Grenada. He recorded this in his research to preserve this history. This log cabin still stands, incorporated into a lovely modern home, located in the Liberty Baptist Church area, on the road between Carrollton and Grenada. It stands on a hill, overlooking a small lake. All four of the sons of John P. Vance served in the Civil War. Senator Lott descends from two of them - William McNulty C. Vance and George W. Vance.

William McNulty C. Vance, a farmer was born in 1820 in South Carolina. He married Martha Lott, granddaughter of the first Aaron Lott who came to Mississippi. Their son, a merchant, John James (Jim) Vance and his wife Mary Taylor were the parents of Senator Lott's grandmother Lula Bell Vance, who married Aaron Eli Ellihu Lott (better known as Aaron).

George W. Vance was born 29 August 1826 in Pickens County, Alabama. He married Mary Louvita Britnal. The Bible record of George W. Vance states "Elizabeth (Eliza) Vance b. 7/1/1851 - d. 7/21/1901 m. John Lott 12/31/1874." This John Lott is the grandson of the first Aaron Lott of Mississippi. John and Elizabeth Vance Lott's son was Aaron Eli Ellihu Lott, a highly respected county supervisor for many years. He married Lula Bell Vance. They were the parents of Chester Lott, father of Senator Lott.

Our best wishes to Senator Trent Lott as he assumes this important position of service.

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## United States History

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### WASHINGTON COUNTY VIRGINIA

#### Guardian Bonds

Research of : Betty Williams, Rt 3 Box 72, Tazewell VA 24651

10 June 1802: Elizabeth White and Andrew Vance named guardians of John, Samuel, Mary, James, William, Jane and Elizabeth White, Orphans of William White, Deceased. Bond \$10,000.00 Sureties: Andrew Russell and John McCormack.

20 February 1816: John Kestnor named Guardian of Rachel and Jane Kestnor, Orphans of Phillip Kestnor, Deceased. Bond \$500.00, Sureties: James Vance and John Hagy.

15 April 1823: John Vance named Guardian of Andrew M. Vance, son of Samuel Vance. Bond \$1,200.00. Surety: John Galliher.

18 May 1824: Thomas McChesney named Guardian of Samuel, Rebecca, Juliana, Sally S., and Thomas S. McChesney, children of Thomas McChesney and legatees of John Sharp. Bond \$3,000.00. Sureties: James Vance, Abram Fulkerson, William Palmer and Leander McChesney.

17 February 1829: James Vance named Guardian of Elizabeth, Sally, James V. and John Logan, Orphans of John Logan, Jr., Deceased. Bond: \$2,000.00. Sureties Robert Preston, Jr. and Joseph Vance.

26 March 1832: James Ireson named Guardian of Andrew W., Mary Jane, William, Judith E., James and Matthew Ireson, Orphans of William Ireson, Deceased. Bond \$2,000.00. Surety: James Vance.

25 August 1851: James Vance named Guardian of Theophilus Dunn, Orphan of John Dunn. Bond \$100.00. Sureties: Ota Ward and J.D. Linder.

22 February 1858: Amelia G. Vance petitions the court to have her father, James Vance, her Guardian. Certified by John Humes, J.P.

24 February 1858: James Vance named as Guardian of Amelia G. Vance, daughter of the said James Vance and Amelia Vance, deceased. Bond: \$500.00. Surety: Jacob Lynch.

**THE WOLFHILL SUIT**  
**VANCE v. WALKER**  
Research by William L. Blanks

Dr. Thomas Walker, deceased, of Albermarle County, obtained a grant of land in Washington County, on the Holstein River, known as the "Wolfhill tract" and published proposals through notices posted at Col. Inglis' Ferry, and at Fort Chiswell, "inviting persons to settle within the limits of his grant and that they should have a fee-simple in the lands settled on payment of £ 11 for every hundred acres by them desired." On his death he devised the unsold portion to his son, Francis Walker, who contested the rights of some settlers, "alleged that a considerable part was settled by individuals without any contract whatever" and that "probably those proposals related to the lands of the Loyal company, of which Doctor Walker was a member, manager, and director, and not to those belonging to himself; the respondent having always understood that such proposals were made by him relative to lands belonging to the said Company, which were near and adjoining his own." This suit was brought by John Vance on 5th July, 1802, in Superior Court of Chancery, held at Staunton, against Francis Walker, in connection with the tract of land embraced in the "Wolfhill tract" which he purchased from John Huston who settled thereon a number of years ago, which settlement was made in accordance with the published proposals. (3 H&M 290, 1809. Superior Court of Chancery, Staunton, VA)

John Campbell deposed that, in the fall of the year 1768, he came for the first time to the western parts of Virginia, now comprehended within the limits of Washington county; that, on the way he overtook a number of persons who informed him that they were coming to see a tract of land owned by Doctor Walker, which he understood was the Wolfhill tract, and which they said he offered to settlers and emigrants at £ 11 per hundred acres; that the deponent saw Doctor Walker in Staunton, the following summer, and asked him on what terms and conditions in advertisements dispersed in the Western Country, and that the deponent would see one at Col. Inglis' and be fully informed. The deponent accordingly called and conversed with Col. Inglis, who confirmed the terms as mentioned; but the deponent could not, nor that he ever saw one, but "thinks he did;" that perhaps at this period, there are none of them to be had.

Alexander Breckenridge deposes that, sometime in the year 1769 a certain Robert Doake informed him that he was agent for Dr. Thomas Walker to settle and lay off a tract of land on Holstein river known by the name of Wolfhill survey. In the year 1773 the said Doake and Walker came and appointed the settlers to meet at Samuel Briggs on the 21st day of April to execute bonds for payment of the purchase money, and to take Walker's bond for conveyances, and Walker said they should pay interest until the whole should be paid, and then he would make them titles. The deponent was not interested in the controversy between Francis Walker and John Vance.

Josias Gamble deposed that, in the year 1769, on his way to Holstein, he met with an advertisement at Col. Inglis' on New River stating to all emigrants who wanted to settle on the Wolfhill tract that they should have the land at £ 11 per hundred acres; in consequence of which advertisement, he made a settlement on the said tract, and paid for it at that rate.

James Piper swore that, he settled on a part of the Wolfhill tract, under certain proposals, which he understood had been made by Dr. Thomas Walker, that settlers should have as much as they wanted at £ 11 10s 0d or £ 11 per hundred acres, for as to the sum he was not positive: that he lived thereon about two years, and then made payment at the rate above said and pursuant to the proposals he had heard, and obtained a title for the quantity claimed accordingly.

Christopher Acklin (between whom and Francis Walker an appeal concerning part of the Wolfhill tract is now pending) deposed that, as well as he could recollect, sometime in the year 1771 John Huston made an

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improvement on the land which he understood was afterwards sold to John Vance. That this land adjoined his own and the line was run by arbitrators, and that Vance lost a part of what he claimed. Christopher Acklin had a son, Joseph Acklin.

James Craw deposed that, in April 1778 he applied to Thomas Walker to purchase a part of the Wolfhill tract, and was told by him that his price was £ 11 per hundred acres, but that money then was not as good as it had been, if the deponent would pay him in horses and cattle, at the old rates, the price of the land should be as usual, for he did not raise the price of his land, that moreover, he heard him say that he charged interest from the time of the settlement made, and not further back, as the settler ought not to pay interest until he received a benefit.

Joseph Black deposed that, in 1778 John Vance and Thomas Walker were both at his house and he saw John Vance pay Thomas Walker for 300 acres of land in a horse, and the said Walker payed the difference between the price of the horse and the land in cash, to the said Vance, that Vance desired him to keep the money until the land was surveyed, but Walker choose to pay it; the deponent was told by both parties that Vance was to have the balance of the land he then claimed by paying £ 11 per hundred acres, and Walker said his intention was to give good measure; for he allowed his surveyors to throw in five acres to every hundred. The deponent was told more than once by Daniel Smith ("who removed out of the state") agent for Walker, that he had John Vance's land to run; he knew of no limited time within which the £ 11 per hundred was to be paid; and (being asked from what time the settlers paid interest) said that one year after he gave his own bond, which was 1772, he paid interest.

**SOURCE**

**Genealogies of Virginia Familes**, from the William and Mary College Quarterly Historical Magazine, Vol. V, (Thompson- Yates) Indexed by Robert & Catherine Barnes; Genealogical Publishing Co., Inc., Baltimore, MD, 1982.

*John Vance of the Wolfhill Suit was the son of James Vance of Frederick County, VA, who died in 1762. John's wife was Jane Jean Black. Previous articles on this family: can be found in the VFA Newsletters: April, 1988, p. 39-42; Jan, 1989, p. 6; & July, 1993: p. 85.*

*Joseph Black who deposed for John Vance in the Wolfhill suit is believed to be John's brother-in-law. In the original papers of this court case, John notified the court of his intent to go to Blount County, TN to depose Joseph Black, Joseph Vance, Robert Wilson and John Cusick, however, the only deposition filed in the court case is that of Joseph Black. Who was the Joseph Vance to be deposed in Bount County? Was he Samuel & Sarah Colville Vance's son, Joseph, who lived in Sevier County, TN or another Joseph?*

*John Vance also deposed for Christopher Acklin in Acklin v. Frances Walker. John's deposition was taken on 19 Aug 1803 at the house of John McCormick in Abingdon, that between 1773 and 1775, he and Christopher Acklin settled in the Wolfhill tract and that he purchased the settlement of John Huston.*

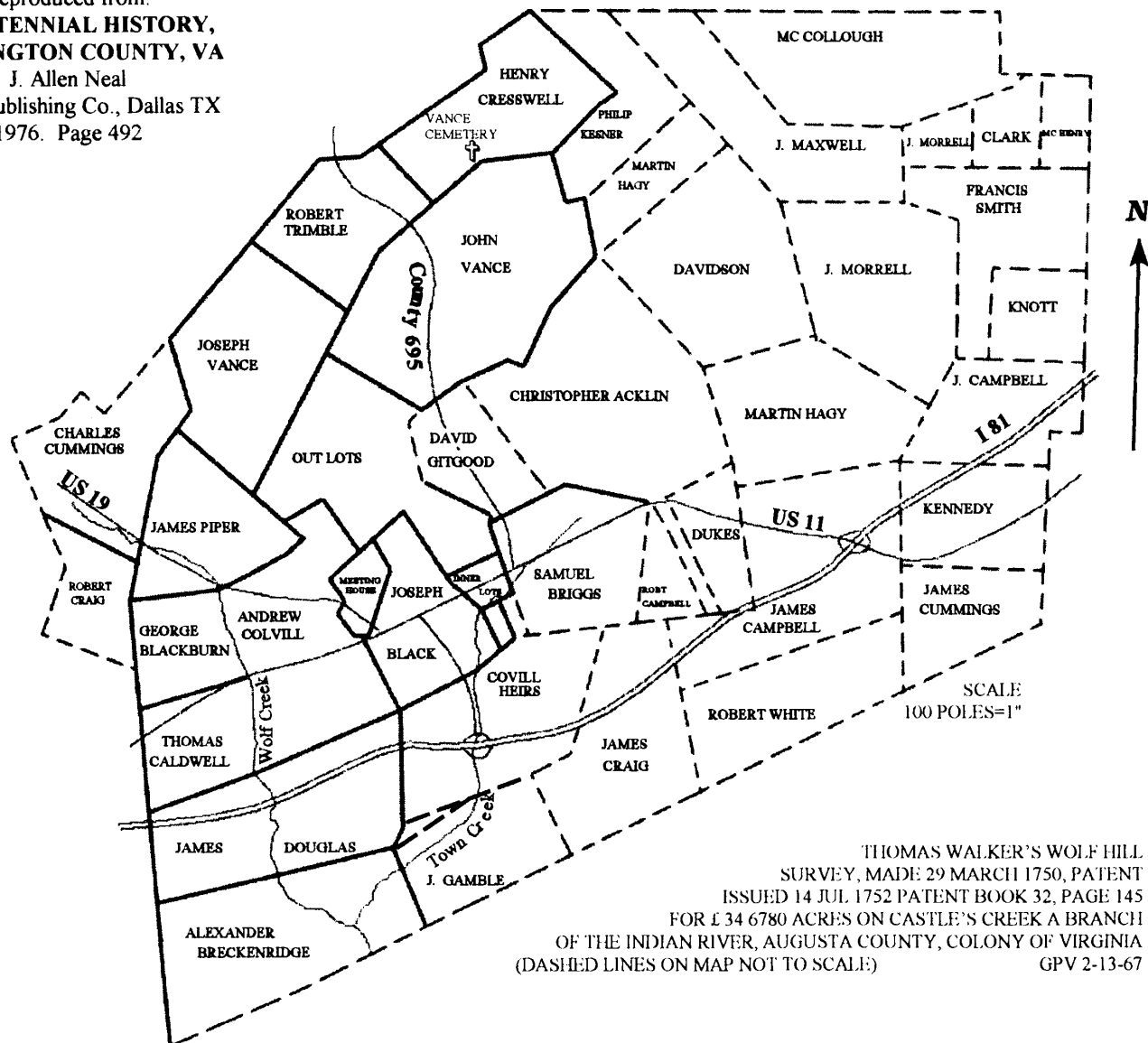
*The Acklin name appears in the will of Joseph Vance of Sevier County, TN. Joseph, who apparently had no male heirs, bequeathed to Samuel I. Acklin, 150 acres, feather bed, furniture, 1/2 distillery, house he lives in, a mattock and Steep Spring; and to Samuel Acklin's son, Vance Acklin, he bequeathed \$40.00. Did Joseph's daughter marry Samuel Acklin? What was the relationship between Samuel I. Acklin of Sevier County, TN and Christopher Acklin of Washington County, Virginia? An article on Joseph Vance of Seiver County can be found in the VFA Newsletter, January, 1988, p. 16-19.*

*Mary V. Norfleet*

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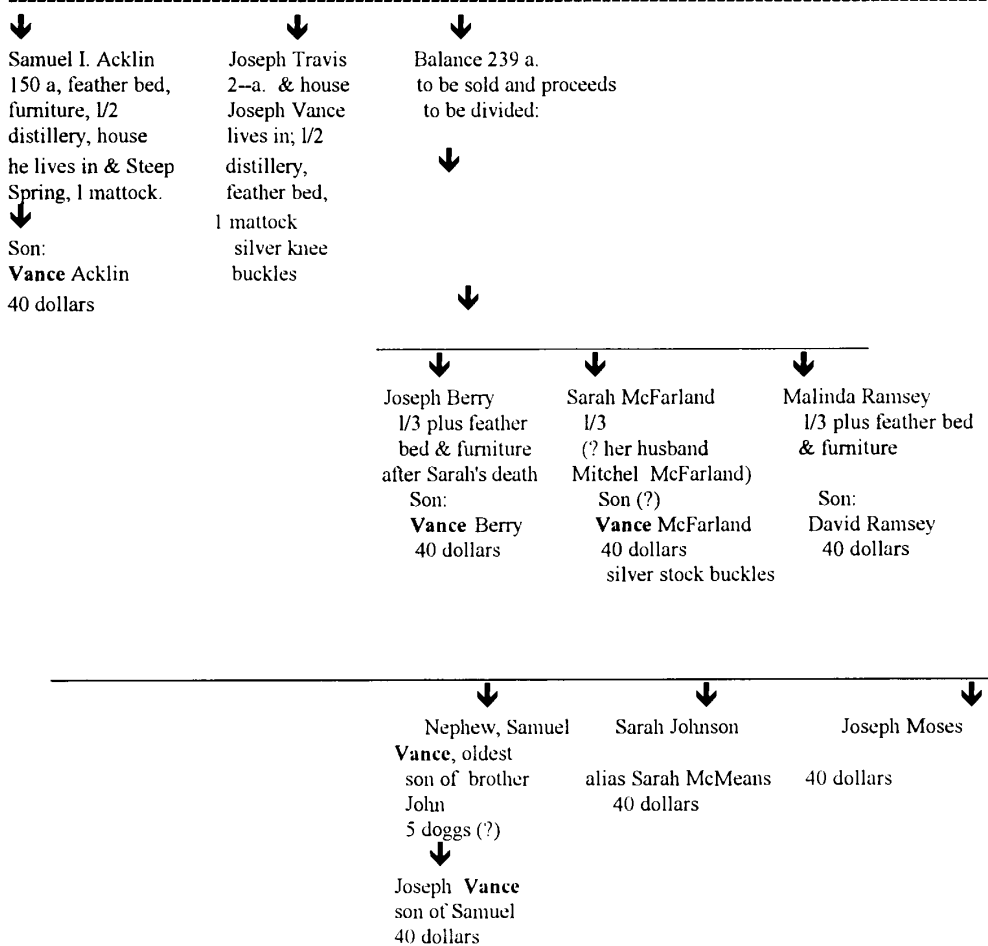
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**JOSEPH VANCE, SON OF SAMUEL & SARAH COLVILLE VANCE**  
**Will 3 Feb 1822 Sevier Co. TN, not probated, found in Gibson Vance papers**  
*Name of wife Sarah \_\_\_\_\_, who rec'e all real & personal property if remained widow.*  
*If she remarried she was to receive dower . Other bequests:*



Any balance of estate to be distributed at 'discretion' of Executors. Sarah Vance, Executrix; John Sevier, Executor. It was also expressly declared as a codicil that it is his wish that his wife should let Samuel I. Acklin and Joseph Travis live on his land while she lives, on such terms as can agree on..indicating close relationship.

Chart by Kathleen Mason, from copy of will.

Analysis: It would appear Joseph Vance had no sons, but left dogs for nephew Samuel Vance, oldest son of his brother John, and \$40.00 for Joseph (evidently his namesake), son of Samuel..

Speculation would be the daughters of Joseph were married to Samuel I. Acklin, Joseph Travis, Joseph Berry. Other daughters appear to be Sarah McFarland, Melinda Ramsey. Vance Acklin and Vance Berry would appear to be his (namesake) grandsons, as well as David Ramsey. Could Sarah Johnson/McMeans be a granddaughter by a deceased daughter, or even a great grandchild? Ditto for Joseph Moses.

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**NEW CASTLE COUNTY, DELAWARE**  
by Virginia Vance Lovett

**MARRIAGE REFERENCES**

Joseph Vance & Jane Lakerman, widow of John Lakerman, before 20 July 1784. Vol. III, pg. 3. OC-F-322

John Vance & Hannah Alrich, daughter of Jacobus Alrich, after November 1722 & before 18 November 1754. Vol. III, pg. 3. D-E-517.

----- Vance & Grace Carthy, widow of Owen Carthy, before 12 May 1736. Vol. I, pg. 2. D-K-462.

**GUARDIAN REFERENCES**

France Anderson, minor daughter of James Anderson, guardian John Vance, 18 Aug 1747. Vol. I, pg. 7. OC-C-84.

John Golden, minor son of Joseph Golden, guardian Samuel Vance, 23 May 1754. Vol. III, pg. 5. OC-C-208.

William & Richard Cuerton, minor sons of William Cuerton, guardians John Vance & John McCool, appointed at request of Martha Clark for her daughter, Elizabeth Cuerton, 16 January 1753. Vol. II, pg. 5. OC-C-181.

John Curtis, minor son of John Curtis choose John Vance, guardian. (Jonathan Woodland, lately married widow of John Curtis and prays for guardianship of Richard and Joshua Curtis, minor sons of John Curtis.) 21 January 1746. Vol. II, pg. 5. OC-C-66.

**WILLS**

John Vance, 1727, Misc. 1.476

Joseph Vance, 1797, O. 262

**OTHER REFERENCES** (Vol. IV, pg. 142. OC-F-293-295)

John Vance, the younger, died intestate, under age, no issue, one brother.

Sarah Vance married Benjamin Merritt.

Children of Samuel Vance:

Mary Vance married Dr. Thomas McDonough  
Hannah Vance married Richard Humphries, son of Abraham Humphries  
Martha Vance married Isaac Davis  
Peter Vance

Mary Vance married George Parker, their children were Peter, John, George, Benjamin, Samuel & Hannah Parker.

Martha Vance married Peter Hyatt, their children: John, Thomas, Samuel, Richard, Hannah & Mary Hyatt.

Hannah Vance (d. Feb., 1762) married Richard Curtis (d. between June 1783 and 21 Feb 1784); their children: John, Joshua, Hannah, Rebecca & Martha Curtis.

**REFERENCE**

**THE DELAWARE HISTORICAL & GENEALOGICAL RECALL.** Vol. I-IV, by Matilda Spicer Hart, pub. 1933. Reprinted by Mary Fallon Richard, 1984.

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**MISCELLANEOUS RECORDS  
by Virginia Vance Lovett**

**Frederick County, Virginia, Deed Book 18, pg. 45.**

Ordered that James Vance of the county commanded by Joseph McDowell be discharged of further duty at musters on his motion. 1761. (James Vance who died 1762?)

**Orange County, Virginia, Deed Book 9.**

July 1744, between William Vance and Andrew Pichens both of Augusta County, VA. Branch of Shenando called Cathey's River in Beverly Manor in that part of Orange County and called Augusta, contains 400 acres, beginning at 3 white oaks corner to Robert Campbell. pg. 179.

Sarah, wife of William Vance, agree to sell property; questioned by John Patton, John Lewis and John Buchanan. pg. 190.

**Miscellaneous Records of Lincoln Co., Kentucky**

John Pope to Polly Vance. 10 March 1795; consent by father, George Vance. Bond between John Pope & Joseph Vance; Joseph Vance witnessed consent. LDS Film # 192262, File # 14-# 417.

Joseph Henderson & Betsy Vance. 30 July 1807; consent by George Vance. Witnessed by Samuel Vance & John Stone. Bond between Joseph Henderson & John Stone. LDS Film # 192262, File # 6-# 355.

**Chester County, Pennsylvania**

**Warrants and Surveys of the Province of Pennsylvania Including the Three Lower Counties, 1759.** pg. 37. (The 3 lower counties include Newcastle County, Delaware which adjoins Chester County, Pennsylvania.)

John Vance, 1738, Vol. F. pg. 73.

**Wills of Chester County, PA, 1713-1748,** by Jacob Martin, Family Line Publications, 1993, Westminster, MD, pg. 61.

David McGireston: 19 Apr 1732: Administrator to Andrew Vance

**1765 Chester Co., PA Archives,** compiled by Katharine F. Dix, Closson Press, 1990. 3:11

Joseph Vance; pg. 34: Twp. West Nottingham



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Frederick Findings  
Linage Search Associates  
7315 Colts Neck Road,  
Mechanicsville, VA 23111-4233

Dear Editor;

In reference to Volume 7, #2 Summer 1994, p. 131: The Robert R. Marney Family of Frederick and Adjoining Counties, Virginia...by John R. Morgan, 291 Trivoli Way, Sacramento CA 95819:

Robert Morgan indicates a possibility that since Robert Marney's wife was named Mary and that she may have been the daughter of James Vance who died 1751 and his wife Elizabeth (Glass) Vance who died 1785 and lived on Opequon Creek. Both left wills. Their daughter Mary married Robert Wilson.

On page 132 Mr. Morgan says that Amos Marney, son of Robert Marney, married Sarah Vance, daughter of "General" Samuel Vance of Shenandoah County Va, 22 Apr 1784 in Shenandoah County VA. Robert Marney had 160 acres of land on Duck Run that branched off Cedar Creek which was in Frederick County at the time of the Land Grant in 1754. This land was in Shenandoah County after 1772.

Samuel Vance of Shenandoah County was the son of James Vance who died 1762 and lived on 250 acres near Cedar Creek. His son Samuel had 170 acres adjoining his father's land. Samuel bought a half-acre lot in Woodstock (Shenandoah County) in 1772 from Joseph Vance who also had land near Cedar Creek in Frederick County VA. Samuel sold his acreage in Frederick County in 1774. He later removed to Sullivan County TN where Amos and Sarah Marney spent most of their lives. Samuel's will is in Sullivan County TN and dated 11 Jan. 1808. I know of no documentation to indicate this Samuel was a General.

Mr. Morgan gave the wrong Samuel Vance as father of Sarah who married Amos Marney, saying he was the Samuel who married Margaret Laughlin. This Samuel was son of Samuel Vance (Sr) and Sarah Colville who also lived near Cedar Creek in Frederick County VA. They sold their land about 1777 and removed to Washington County VA where they are buried. Samuel and Margaret also lived in Washington County VA and are buried near Samuel Sr. and Sarah. The homestead of this family has remained in the descendants hands at least through 1975.

Mr. Morgan indicates the father of Sarah Vance, wife of Amos Marney may have been Samuel, son of James Vance who died 1751. This Samuel, son of said James, married his first cousin Jane Rannells. Most of their children settled in Jefferson and Scott Counties KY. The daughter Sarah married Samuel Rippy.

The Vance Family Association since 1985 has and is constantly researching and trying to prove by documentation the many Vance generations and to correct the many errors of published articles and books of Vance genealogies.

I sincerely hope you will print these corrections in a future issue of Frederick Findings. I will send a copy of this letter to Mr. Morgan.

Anyone interested in more information on the Vance Family can contact me at 3907 Billtown Road, Louisville KY 40299-3923

Sincerely,

Virginia Vance Lovett  
Associate Historian of the Vance Family Association

17 April 1996

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## HANDEL VANCE LAND IN WASHINGTON COUNTY, TENNESSEE

By Virginia Lovett

Margaret Webb's research turned up two deeds pertaining to 156/7 acres of land in Washington County Tennessee owned by Handel Vance of Rockingham County VA. The earliest one she found is in Deed Book 10, page 251.

This deed dated 15 January 1808 is between Handel Vance of Kentucky with a Power of Attorney from his father William Vance of Garrard County Kentucky, to James Nelson of Tennessee for \$80.00, "one equal fifth share of a certain Tract of Land Lying in the County of Washington and State of Tennessee, Situate upon the Waters of Limestone, Containing by computation One hundred and fifty-six acres of Land". There is reference "to the original deed now existing in the office reference thereunto being made will more fully appear". Handel Vance signed the deed attested to by William Sands and Benjamin Sands, admitted to be registered by James Sevier, Clerk, and was registered 15 July 1808 by John Adams.

The second deed, Deed Book 16, page 327 is from Christian Vance Jr. of the County of Licking Ohio to Christian Vance Senior of Rockingham County VA, made September 28th 1810 by Christian Vance Jr. for \$177.00 by virtue of a Power of Attorney dated 23 June 1810 given by Handel Vance to said Christian Vance (Jr.), and sold to Christian Vance Senior "one undivided fifth part of 157 acres more or less, lying on Little Limestone in the State of Tennessee joining the land of J. Kirkendall and Benjamin Sands, the 157 acres was conveyed to the late Handel Vance deceased...and the aforesaid fifth part of said land fell to the Present aforesaid Handel Vance as one of the heirs of the deceased" together with all, etc., the one undivided fifth part of said 157 acres of land more or less to Christy Vance Senior, his heirs and assigns and the said Christy Vance Junior doth by the Power of Attorney in name and behalf of said Handel Vance covenant with the said Christy Vance Senior... Signed by Christian Vance Jr. with an X and witnessed by John Lincoln, Mordicai Lincoln and Henry Carrier.

At a Court in Rockingham County, 16 October 18??, proved by the oath of ? Lincoln and on 17 November 18?? Proved by Henry Carrier. Ordered to be certified in the State of Tennessee on 23 December 1818 by H.J. Gambell, Clerk.

Joseph Baxter, presiding magistrate of said County certifies that Henry J. Gamble is Clerk of said County and above is in due form of Law and given under my hand and Seal this 6 June 1819. The same was registered in Washington County Tennessee 1 June 1819 by Sam'l Greer, Clerk of Washington County Tennessee.

To put this in context, Deed Book 4, page 135, 15 May 1790, James F. Kuykendall of Washington County and State of North Carolina (this became Washington County Tennessee in 1796 when Tennessee became a state) of the one part sold to Handel Vance of Rockingham County VA for ? Hundred pounds, 157 acres more or less, lying on the North side of a west fork of big Limestone. Signed by James Kuykendall and witnessed by Benjamin Sands, Jurat, and ? Harrison.

Handel Vance died in Rockingham County VA in January 1797. He left a wife Elizabeth and five

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sons, William, John, Handel, Christian (Christly) and Solomon. Handel's son William, his wife Barbara (Grider) and their family, removed to Kentucky possibly before Handel Vance Senior died. William Vance was on the 1798 tax list of Lincoln County Kentucky and thereafter on the Garrard County KY taxlists with his adult sons. His third son was Handel who had the Power of Attorney from his father to sell the one fifth share of Washington County Tennessee land, which was recorded in 1810.

The deed from Christian Vance (Jr.) By a Power of Attorney from his father Handel Vance of Licking County Ohio to Christian Vance (Senior) of Rockingham County VA, though dated in 1810 was not recorded until 1819 when Christian Vance Senior sold 2 one-fifth shares (his inherited one-fifth share and the one-fifth share he purchased from his brother Handel Vance of Licking County Ohio) to John Chrisman of Rockingham County VA for \$100.00 current money of VA. Statements in the deed correspond with the land in the previous deeds. All these deeds were recorded in Deed Book 16, pages 322-329.

At a Rockingham County Court held 17 November 1818 wherein the above deed was certified and then recorded in Washington County Tennessee May 31st 1819.

Evidently Solomon Vance, son of Handel Vance deceased 1797, lived on his one-fifth share of the Washington County Tennessee land. In Deed Book 19, page 81 it is recorded that Solomon Vance was granted 11 acres of land on the Waters of Big Limestone, adjoining the land of William Carmichael and Solomon's own land near the land of G. O. Thompson, by William Carroll, Governor of the State of Tennessee, who set the seal of the State at Nashville on the 13th of January 1827 and the deed was recorded the 16th of January 1827 in the office of the Regent of Tennessee by Drury P. Armstrong and registered in Washington County Tennessee January 4th 1831 by Sam'l Greer, Clk.

The one-fifth share inheritance unaccounted for would have gone to the fifth son, John Vance, who removed to Knox/Licking County Ohio. This deed does not seem to be recorded in Washington County Tennessee since it has not been located.

In Deed Book 22, page 218, Solomon Vaance sold to Jonas Marsh, both of Washington County Tennessee, 12 January 1831, for \$33.00, the 11 acres adjoining said Carmichael, said Marsh, Roderick Bane and Solomon Vance's land. Witnessed by Matthew Stephenson, William Matthews, Isaac Keizer and Christian Zetty and was recorded 29 August 1838, signed by Sam'l Greer, Clerk of W.C.

Photocopies of these deeds and my transcriptions of them are in my files should anyone need a copy.

**Samuel Vance, Revolutionary War Soldier  
Washington Co. Virginia, Greene Co., Tennessee**

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by Kathleen Mason

Identifying this Samuel Vance has proven to be a challenge. From his Revolutionary War Pension Abstract (VFA NL Jan 1989 pg. 7) it is documented that he served under Capt. Colville, as did a James Vance who also enlisted in Washington County, Virginia. They both also served under Capt. Evan Shelby, and each also served under other men. Samuel and James were not brothers, but certainly they should have been acquainted with each other. James Vance's parents were John and Jane Black Vance. The name of Samuel's parents are not given in his pension papers, nor the place of his birth.

Samuel Vance was born in 1754 and died 1 September 1838 at the age of 82 years. VFA member Lee Woerdeman found a copy of a 25 February 1938 letter addressed to John S. Van Gilder, 714 West Hill Avenue, Knoxville, Tennessee from an Executive Assistant, evidently from the pension office, as he refers to the fact that a copy of the name of the last person who received the pension payment should be found in the office of The Comptroller General, General Accounting, Offices, Records Division, Washington, D.C. Cft. #5948. Perhaps Mr. Van Gilder's name will be a clue. Neither the name of Samuel's wife nor any children are mentioned in pension papers.

Margaret Vance Webb found the list of personal property sold of Samuel Vance and Elizabeth Vance, deceased which took place 3 February 1840. This now gives us the name of his wife, who evidently died shortly after her husband. We do not know if the Vance men who made purchases were his sons, but if they were, they were Joseph and Seburn. A Luisa Vance also made purchases. James Vance seemed to be accounting for the sale. Nothing is shown on the list that he purchased. Who was he? Were some of the males who made purchases sons-in-law of Samuel and Elizabeth Vance? Joseph Vance bought the Hymn book, which might equate to the Family Bible. Was he the eldest son? He also bought the cupboard, and a bed and a pot. What would we do without Margaret Webb's explanation of some of these items?

The name Seburn Vance is interesting - not a name you run across every day. Could it have been a corruption of Seaborn? It is of interest that the will of William Vance of Frederick Co. Va. dated 25 Aug 1792, probated 2 Oct 1792 names daughters Elizabeth, Lucy and Sarah Anne. Son: George Seaborn. (Son-in-law), Granddaughters Betty Seaborn, Granddaughter "to my Elizabeth". Witnesses: William Fishback, Rebecca Phillips and James Crancy. Question: Could the wife of Samuel Vance have been an Elizabeth Seaborn of another generation? Just a thought.

There was a Seaborn Vance who married Polly Lancaster, 23 March 1822 in Tuscaloosa, Co., Alabama. Grace Dotson found this in Hunting for Bears. So there is likely a connection somewhere of Seaborn/Seaburn and the Vance family. This could later assist us in relationship of Vance families.

Please share if you can assist in identifying the family unit of this Samuel. The other Vance family units in Washington County, Virginia - Samuel and Sarah Colville Vance and John and Jane Black Vance migrated from Frederick County, Virginia. Is there a clue here?



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Greene County, Tennessee  
Samuel Vance, Deceased, Feb. 3, 1840 Minutes, 19 P. 109

October the 8 day 1839. A list of the personal property of Samuel Vance and Elizabeth Vance dec.- One cow, two bed sheets, two under beds, two feather beds, two cover lids, two counterpins, one blanket, one sheet, three pillows, one cupboard, eleven plates, five cups and saucers, two tea pots, two tumblers, one strake GLASS, TWO BOWLS, TWO CROCKS, ONE JAR, ONE PAN, ONE SUGAR BOWL, ONE CREAM PITCHER, ONE PEPPER BOX, TWO TIN CUPS, ONE COFFEE POT, ONE CANDLE-STICK, ONE SNUFFER, TWO POTS, ONE SKILLET, ONE BAKER AND LID, PAIR OF FIRE DOGS, ONE FIRE SHOVEL, ONE SMOOTHING IRON, ONE POT TRAMMEL, TWO PIGGINS, ONE BREAD TRAY, ONE SIFTER, ONE SIDE SADDLE, ONE AXE, ONE HOE, TWO BOXES, ONE LOOKING GLASS, FOUR CHAIRS, ONE REEL, ONE FLAX, WHEEL, ONE HYMN BOOK, ONE TABLE, ONE COFFEE MILL, ONE LARGE PEWTER DISH, ONE AXE, ONE POT, TEN DOLLARS OF MONEY ON HAND.

| <u>ACCOUNT OF SALES</u>                |    | James Vance" |      |
|----------------------------------------|----|--------------|------|
|                                        |    | \$           | Cts. |
| Joseph Vance To one cupboard           |    | 5            | 00   |
| John A. Hunter To piggin and peck      |    |              | 13   |
| Seburn Vance To one reel               |    |              | 12½  |
| James Smith To one chest               |    |              | 12½  |
| Thomas Smathers to one bottle          |    |              | 6½   |
| Seburn Vance to one church             |    |              | 25   |
| Thomas Smathers to one pot             | 2  | 00           |      |
| Seburn Vance to one oven               | 1  | 00           |      |
| Joseph Vance to one pair of dogs       | 2  | 50           |      |
| Seburn Vance to one saddle             | 3  | 50           |      |
| Seburn Vance to one axe                | 1  | 16           |      |
| John A. Hunter to one pot              |    | 75           |      |
| Luisa Vance to one baker               |    | 25           |      |
| William R. Foster to three chairs      |    | 66           |      |
| William R. Foster to two chairs        |    | 76           |      |
| Jacob Carbough to one chest            |    | 51           |      |
| Seburn Vance to one iron               |    | 51           |      |
| Thomas Smathers to one pot trammel     | 1  | 25           |      |
| James K. Smith to one shovel           |    | 26           |      |
| Seburn Vance to one wheel              | 1  | 30           |      |
| Luisa Vance to tea cup and saucer      |    |              |      |
| Henry Trabough to table                | 1  | 75           |      |
| Luisa Vance to one coffee pot          |    | 12½          |      |
| Jacob Carbough to one coffee mill      |    | 50           |      |
| Jacob Carbough to one barrel           |    | 6½           |      |
| Joseph Vance to one looking glass      | 1  | 00           |      |
| Joseph Vance to one bed                | 7  | 50           |      |
| Seburn Vance to one bed                | 6  | 00           |      |
| Seburn Vance to one cow                | 11 | 76           |      |
| Seburn Vance to one candlestick and S. |    | 30           |      |
| Jacob Carbough to one cow              |    | 6½           |      |
| Seburn Vance to one piggin and tin cup |    | 25           |      |
| Thomas Smathers to one sifter          |    | 50           |      |
| Joseph Vance to one Hymn Book          | 1  | 40           |      |
| Jacob Carbough to one axe              |    | 30           |      |
| Joseph Vance to one pot                | 1  | 00           |      |

James Vance

NOTE: ANY TRUE PIONEER WOULD KNOW THAT A PIGGIN IS A WOODEN PAIL, TUB, OR CROCK. AND MOST WOULD KNOW THAT A TRAMMEL IS THE DEVICE HUNG IN THE FIRE PLACE TO HOLD A KETTLE OR POT. BUT EVEN THIS OLE TENNESSEE HILL-BILLY WONDERS ABOUT THE STRAKE GLASS. DOES ANYONE KNOW WHAT TYPE GLASS THIS MIGHT BE? M.V. Webb

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Census Index: Colonial America 1607-1789

Vance

|             |                           |      |
|-------------|---------------------------|------|
| Mr          | South Carolina Colony     | 1772 |
| Alexander   | Frederick County VA       | 1759 |
| Alexander   | Frederick County VA       | 1759 |
| Andrew      | Frederick County VA       | 1759 |
| Andrew      | Frederick County VA       | 1759 |
| Andrew      | Dunmore Co VA             | 1774 |
| Andrew      | Dunmore County VA         | 1774 |
| And.        | Dunmore County VA         | 1775 |
| Canada      | Morris Co NJ Morris TWP   | 1771 |
| David       | Martin Co NC              | 1787 |
| David       | Pitt Co NC                | 1786 |
| David       | Fauquier Co VA            | 1773 |
| David       | Frederick Co VA           | 1759 |
| David       | Frederick County VA       | 1764 |
| Edward      | Essex Co NJ (Newark)      | 1780 |
| Edward      | Essex County NJ           | 1781 |
| Edward      | Essex County NJ           | 1782 |
| Edward      | Essex County NJ           | 1783 |
| Edward      | Essex County NJ           | 1789 |
| Elijah      | Martin Co NC              | 1787 |
| Elizabeth   | Fred Co VA                | 1764 |
| George      | Somerset Co MD            | 1763 |
| Jacob       | Fincastle Co VA           | 1776 |
| James       | Rockingham Co VA          | 1776 |
| James       | Bristol Co RI             | 1782 |
| James       | Fauquier Co VA            | 1773 |
| James       | Fred Co VA                | 1782 |
| James David | Fred Co VA                | 1773 |
| Jas         | Fauquier Co VA            | 1773 |
| John        | Craven Co NC              | 1769 |
| John        | Martin Co NC              | 1779 |
| John        | Martin Co NC              | 1780 |
| John        | Pitt Co NC                | 1764 |
| John        | Rockingham Co NH          | 1767 |
| John        | Gloucester Co NJ          | 1784 |
| John        | Gloucester Co NH          | 1785 |
| John        | Gloucester Co NH          | 1786 |
| John        | Gloucester Co NH          | 1789 |
| John        | Monmouth Co, Freehold, NJ | 1789 |
| John        | Fred Co VA                | 1764 |

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|--------------------|---------------------|------|
| John , Jr          | Fredereck County VA | 1764 |
| John               | Frederick County VA | 1789 |
| Joseph             | Fauquier County Va  | 1764 |
| Joseph             | Fauquier County VA  | 1773 |
| Joseph             | Fauquier County VA  | 1782 |
| Joseph             | Fred Co VA          | 1764 |
| K.                 | Somerset Co NJ      | 1785 |
| Sam                | Fred Co VA          | 1764 |
| Sam,Jr             | Fred Co VA          | 1764 |
| Samuel             | Rowan Co NC         | 1768 |
| Samuel             | Salem Co NJ         | 1759 |
| Samuel             | Fred Co VA          | 1759 |
| Samuel             | Fred Co Va          | 1782 |
| Swandy (S.W.Andy?) | Somerset Co NJ      | 1784 |
| Mr. Rev. The       | Berkeley Dist. Va   | 1777 |
| *Thomas            | Natchez Dist MS     | 1789 |
| Will               | Fred Co VA          | 1764 |
| Wm                 | Middlesex Co NJ     | 1780 |
| Wm                 | Rockingham Co NH    | 1776 |
| Wm                 | Essex Co NJ         | 1780 |
| Wm                 | Middlesex Co Va     | 1780 |
| Wm                 | Middlesex Co VA     | 1782 |
| Wm                 | Fred Co VA          | 1759 |
| Wm                 | Fred Co VA          | 1782 |

Thomas Vance; State: MS; County: Natctez Dist.; page #: 109; Census/Enumeration year: 1789; Census Type Code: Oath of Allegiance. Can anyone identify this Vance in Mississippi at this early date?\*\*\*\*A David Vance was an inhabitant of Mississippi in 1816 as shown in the Census of 1816 In Adams County, Mississippi, taken in anticipation of the movement for Mississippi to become a state. This was successful in 1817. Who was this David Vance? Most of the state was still occupied by Indians, at this time. This David was not in the 1820 Federal Census. Reference: The Official and Statistical Register of the State of Mississippi, Centennial Edition, 1917, by Dunbar Rowland, L.L.D.

Can anyone connect these 2 early Mississippi Vances? We will appreciate your assistance. Grace Dotson, 973 Forest Drive, Harlem, GA 30814; compuserve 71153,2424 phone 706\556\9907 or fax 706\556\2320.

## CHEROKEE BY BLOOD

### Records of Eastern Cherokee Ancestry in the U S Court of Claims, 1906-1910

In 1904 the Eastern Cherokees won a large cash settlements from the United States because of violations of the treaties of 1835-36 and 1845. Over a million dollars was appropriated by Congress to settle the claims. The payments were to go to all living persons who had been members of the Eastern Cherokee Tribe at the time of the treaty, or to their descendants if they were deceased. Over 46,000 people filed claims.

Claim # 817: Lucinda Tincup, Pryor Creek, Oklahoma. Rejected. It appears from testimony of the applicant that her mother was born Nov 10, 1835 at ft Leavenworth, Kansas and therefore could not have been party to the treaty of 1835-36. The father of the applicant was a white man. The names of the ancestors of the applicant through whom she claims her Cherokee blood, do not appear on the rolls of 1835 or 1851, either the Emigrant or the Old Settler roll. While the applicant was enrolled by the Dawes Commission, it clearly appears from the testimony that if her ancestor were Cherokees, they left the Eastern Cherokee domain before 1835.

Misc Test P.4115. Application No. 1393-**817**: Eliza Sunday through Lafayette Teel, Interpreter..in behalf of Lafayette Teel: That I am 59 years of age. I know Lafayette teel. He was enrolled by the Dawes Commission, No 6681. He did not get the strip . This was on account of a political fuss and prejudice existing against his family. He gets his Indian blood from his mother. She was named Manervia Teel. She has been dead about 39 years. Before she was known by the name of Teel, she was an Edwards; before that, she was a **Vance**. Her maiden name was Manervia Fleetwood. No doubt her name in 1851 was **Vance**. Applicants mother was born here in the territory. His oldest sister was born about 1851.....

### History of the Cherokee Indians

Emmet Starr

Cordery Family

Hettie Cordery married Henry Vickers and **John Vance**. They were the parents of:

**Richard Early Vance** married Mary Sunday (nee Burgess)

**Susannah Vance** married William Burgess

- Grace Dotson



## CHEROKEE BY BLOOD

Records of Eastern Cherokee Ancestry in the US Court of Claims 1906-1910  
Volume 4; Applications 7251-10170

Vance claims # 7360-7364

7360. W.E. Vance, Granby, Missouri; Rejected. It does not appear that applicant's ancestors were parties to the treaties of 1835-36 and 1846. Never shared in payments to the Cherokees nor enrolled with them. Misc. test. p 2499. App #7361-7360-William D. Vance:

"My name is William D. Vance. I live in Granby, MO. I was born in 1853 in Tennessee. I was born while my parents were moving, and cannot say whether in Tennessee or Virginia. I claim thro' my mother, whose maiden name was Eveline Watham. My mother and father were married in 1843. My mother was born in Virginia in 1825. She went from there to Tennessee. They did not go to Tennessee until about the time I was born. they always lived in Virginia up to that time. My Mother's father was Cherokee, 3/4 Indian. If my mother ever lived with the Indians it was in Virginia. My father says he was under the impression that my mother was enrolled. I never made application before Dawes Commission." Signed: William D. Vance, Neosho, MO, Sept 1, 1908.

EXCEPTION CASE: 7360. William D. Vance, Granby, MO. Rejected. Total number of exceptions filed in this group - 5. Original recommendation renewed.

7361: William D. Vance, Granby, MO. Uncle of 7360 and claims through same source.  
Rejected.

7362: Charles P. Vance, Granby, MO. Brother of 7360 and claims through the same source.  
Rejected.

7363: Thomas M. Vance, Granby, MO. sister of 7360 and claims through the same source.  
Rejected.

7364: Olive F. Vance, Granby, MO. Sister of 7360 and claims through the same source.  
Rejected.

\*note: This Vance family appears be have migrated from Smyth County Virginia, births recorded there include: John W., 13 Sept 1844; Polly Ann, 22 Oct 1848; Rachel E., 17 Dec 1846, and Sarah J., 2 April 1850. The parents of all were listed as William and Nancy Emmaline Watham Vance.

Grace Dotson  
March 6, 1996

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November 7, 1995

Kathleen Mason  
4213 East Ridge Drive  
Jackson, MS 39211

Dear Kathleen,

In reading the Oct. 1995 NL, a light bulb lit up in my head. On page 128, you have Pennsylvania Marriage Records and when I saw them, I knew who these people were.

I was born in Brackenridge, Allegheny Co., Pa. and several of the surrounding towns are Tarentum, Fawn Twp., Harrison Twp., and Natrona. I spend my summers there.

When I saw the names James Hume (Humes) and Mary Vance, I knew that I had something that could help others.

Francis Vance (d. 1858) m. Margaret Hays. Their children were: Mary, John, James, UNK dau., Eleanor, Sarah, Margaret, Elizabeth and Jane. Mary Vance was the 1st wife of James Gibson Humes. They married Nov. 18, 1819. James was the son of John Humes an emigrant and Revolutionary War soldier. James died in Tarentum, Pa. and is buried in Prospect Cemetery. Mary (Vance) Humes died at a very young age. She and James Humes had two children - John Vance Humes and Mary Vance Humes.

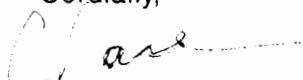
James Vance who married Isabella Foster, was a son of Francis Vance and a brother of Mary (Vance) Humes. In 1850 they lived in Tarentum, Pa. They had two children - Margaret and James F.

John Vance who married Jane Wray in 1821 was another son of Francis Vance and Margaret (Hays). They are buried in Prospect Cemetery, Tarentum, Pa. John owned property on the corner of Cherry Street and 3rd Avenue, Brackenridge, Pa. Their children were Francis, Mary Ann, Jane and Margaret.

Samuel Vance who married Nancy Clark was the son of Moses Vance and Elizabeth (Strickler); and the Grandchild of John Vance and Margaret (White)

I have attached a printout of my work papers. It includes the dates, etc. I am sure that this will be of help to anyone looking for Francis Vance and his descendants.

Cordially,

  
Clare Pebworth

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PASSENGER AND IMMIGRATION LISTS INDEX

Edited by: P. William Filby, Dorothy M. Lower and Paula K. Woolverton

Research of Doug Carter at Salt Lake City. He sometimes has a layover and volunteered his research time to Kathleen if she would cite a book and author.  
THANKS DOUG!!

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|------------------|-----------------------|-----------|
| Vance, Alex      | San Francisco         | 1852      |
| Vance, Andrew    | America               | 1850      |
| Vance, Andrew    | Charleston, SC        | 1850      |
| Vance, Biddy, 24 | St John New Brunswick | 1834      |
| Vance, Charles   | Pennsylvania          | 1881      |
| Vance, David, 12 | Baltimore             | 1830      |
| Vance, David H.  | New York, NY          | 1824      |
| Vance, J.R.      | San Francisco         | 1852      |
| Vance, John      | Pennsylvania          | 1881      |
| Vance, John      | St John New Brunswick | 1833      |
| Vance, John, 24  | St John New Brunswick | 1834      |
| Vance, John T.   | Galveston, TX         | 1838      |
| Vance, Mary, 2   | St John New Brunswick | 1834      |
| Vance, P.B.      | San Francisco         | 1852      |
| Vance, R.H.      | San Francisco         | 1852      |
| Vance, R.H.      | San Francisco         | 1852      |
| Vance, Robert C. | Indiana               | 1896-1906 |
| Vance, Rose      | New York, NY          | 1822      |
| Vance, Thomas    | New York, NY          | 1820      |
| Vance, W.        | San Francisco         | 1852      |
| Vance, William   | New York, NY          | 1820      |
| Vance, Wm., 36   | Baltimore             | 1828      |

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| Vance, Charles   | Philadelphia | 1848      |
| Vance, Elizabeth | Philadelphia | 1848      |
| Vance, Francis   | America      | 1798-1802 |
| Vance, James     | Philadelphia | 1847      |
| Vance, John      | America      | 1795-1798 |
| Vance, William   | America      | 1798-1802 |

1992 Supplement: Shows no Vance

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| Vance, Elizabeth SEE William    |              |      |
| Vance, John                     | Pennsylvania | 1775 |
| Vance, William & wife Elizabeth | Pennsylvania | 1741 |

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|-------------------|--------------|------|
| Vance, D          | New York, NY | 1811 |
| Vance, Isaac      | New York, NY | 1811 |
| Vance, Lansht, 40 | Newfoundland | 1789 |

- Betty Williams also sent in some of the above.

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WILL THE DESCENDENTS OF THIS THOMAS M. VANCE PLEASE WRITE IN?  
Bess Copeland

The following is a transcript of a will filed in Benton, Franklin County, IL., January 1884.

I, Thomas M. Vance of the city of Benton, etc, at age sixty nine years, do hereby make and declare this my last will, etc.

Item 1: That my funeral expenses and all just debts be paid.

Item 2: To my wife Christina Vance during her natural life all my property, real and personal, to use as she may think best.

Item 3: At the death of b.w. Christina, all my personal property that may be left to be divided equally between John L. Vance, Hester Waters and Mary C. Foulk.

Item 4: Wife Christina be made executrix , without giving bond and that she be empowered to sell any of my real estate that may be necessary to pay my debts.

Item 5: At the death of my wife it is my will that Mary C. Foulk have the fee simple title in the following described lands; (here he describes 3 parcels of land.)

That I give and bequeath at my wife's death to my daughter, Hester E. Waters the following described lands; (here he describes 2 parcels of land.)

To John L. Vance I give at my wifes death; (2 parcels of land)

I bequeath at my wife's death to John L. Vance and Hester E. Waters in equal shares in fee simple; (1 parcel of land).

The will is dated Dec 20 1884. It was filed and proved in court Jan 20 1884. I can't explain the discrepancy of the date. It is not customary to prove a will almost a year before it's written. It's an obvious error. Another oddity in the will is that Thomas M. Vance refers to Hester E. Waters as his daughter the first time she is mentioned, but when speaking of his other children, Mary C. Foulk and John L. Vance, he names them, but doesn't give relationship. There is no doubt, however, that they are his children. Besides the census, which appears below, the marriage license bureau in Franklin Co IL listed the name of the applicant, occupation, place of residence, age next bday, place of birth, father's name, mother's maiden name, number of previous marriages.

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When the son, John L. Vance, age 20 m. Hettie Flint, the application lists T.M. Vance, father; Christina Stricklin, mother.

The 1850 Census for Franklin Co IL.

|                        |        |               |       |
|------------------------|--------|---------------|-------|
| 35/36 VANCE, Thomas M. | age 35 | U.B clergyman | b. KY |
| Christina              | age 24 | b. IL         |       |
| Mary C.                | age 2  | b. IL         |       |

STRICKLIN, Meary age 8 b. IL. Perhaps Christina's sister?

1860 Census for Franklin Co IL.

|                       |        |                     |        |
|-----------------------|--------|---------------------|--------|
| 87/88 VANCE Thomas M. | age 45 | United B. Clergyman | b. KY. |
| Christina             | age 34 | Keeping house       | b. IL. |
| Mary C.               | age 11 |                     | b. IL. |
| Hester E              | age 7  |                     | b. IL. |
| STRICKLIN, Mary E.    | age 17 | Domestic            | b. IL. |

1870 Census for Franklin Co IL.

|                      |              |                  |        |
|----------------------|--------------|------------------|--------|
| 124/124 VANCE, T. M. | age 55 m. w. | Farmer 2000 1200 | b. KY. |
| Christina            | age 44 f. w. | keeping house    | b. IL. |
| John L.              | age 5 m. w.  |                  | b. IL. |

I was so pleased to have found this Thomas M. Vance, convinced he was my Thomas, the third son of Jordan and Mary Vance. His birth date was nearer to that of his older brother, Andrew Jackson Vance, than to our Thomas, but that didn't bother me unduly. Dates can get altered easily. I looked for a marriage record for Thomas Vance and Christina in Franklin Co, and in Greene County where Thomas's brothers, Harrison Ramey Vance and Andrew Jackson Vance were married. There was nothing. Then I tried the Franklin County Historical Society, and the Public Library at Benton, IL.

Luckily the First Baptist Church had celebrated their centennial in 1941, and the brochures they made up were available at the Library. The following is an excerpt of the History of the Church, which at the time of the organization was called United Baptist.

"On the day this church was organized, Thomas M. Vance, was one of its original members, and was by the church, ordained to the ministry. In the month of June following, the church chose him as its pastor. He served in that capacity for nineteen consecutive years."

"Elder Vance, as he was affectionately called, was born in Warren Co KY, on November 12th, 1814. He came to Franklin Co IL., November 10th 1840."

Up to this point he could still have been Jordan & Mary's son, Thomas M. Vance, who was born Nov 5, 1817, probably in Logan County KY where Jordan Vance & Mary Vance were married. Logan is adjacent to Warren Co.

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Then I went back and read ALL of the brochure and learned that this Thomas M. Vance came to Illinois from Kentucky, via Tennessee. In Tennessee, Thomas had been a member of the East Fork Church, in the Salem Association of United Baptists, Smith County Tennessee.

Other members from the East Fork Church included O.C. Wilkerson, Rachel Wilkerson and Elizabeth Wilkerson. Most likely Thomas M. Vance and the Wilkerson's traveled from Tennessee together. I include this information for any one wishing to pursue research of this Thomas M. Vance. It might be worthwhile to check out the Wilkerson family, there might be a connection.

Does any of this ring a bell with any of you out there? I know he's not my Thomas M. Vance, but I've gotten pretty intimate with the old fellow, and I'd like to see somebody claim him.

I copied the brochure, which includes a picture of "Elder Vance", but it is blacked out. Undecipherable. (the picture, not the book) Even so, if anybody who reads this has this Thomas M. Vance in their family tree and would like a copy of the brochure, I will happily have copies made to share.

As for Jordan and Mary Vance's Thomas M. Vance, I am beginning to think that he died young, perhaps soon after the 1830 census. Thomas M. Vance was one of the 5 minor males on Jordan's chart that year, but I have been unable to find even one reference to him since that time.

(In searching the Franklin Co Illinois marriage records I came across another John L. Vance age 30 who married Marble Baxter in Franklin Co in 1878. WHO HE? Thomas M. Vance's son, John L. was listed as age 5 on the 1870 census.)

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Correction please! I found a book in the Iron County, Missouri Historical Society that was a transcription from the records of an old funeral home. This was the entry:

"Apr 17, 1895, coffin purchased by R. J. Vance for Martin Vance age 78, buried at Benthay. Born 1817(?)"

This is the cemetery where Harrison and Mary Vance were buried. I could not figure out who Martin Vance was, so I went back and looked at the original book and found that the person who transcribed the entry had made an error. The correct date was April 19, 1895, and the coffin was for Mary R. Vance.

If you are having problems with your research, go to an original source. Once printed, it stays there, correct or not.

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GEORGIA RESEARCH  
Carol Vance Norris

Extracted from Georgia Lottery 1820

VANCE, Marcus, Huffs Mil. District, Jones Co. to Dooly Co. Lot 136, Sect. 8.

Extracted from The Headright and Bounty Grants of Georgia 1756-1909

VANCE, Davis, Burke Co., Grant Bk 000 pg. 287: granted 91 acres 1791.

VANCE, Mrs. E., Camden Co., Grant Bk A-B pg. 1153; 454 acres 1570 sic.  
(above date must be a misprint should be 1750 or 1770.)

VANCE, Patrick, Franklin Co., Grant Bk 000 pg. 430; 200 acres 1788.

Extracted from A Researcher's Library of Georgia History, Genealogy and Records Sources, by Robert Scott Davis, Jr. (1987).

pg. 038, VANCE, David - Pvt. Oct 1778 Thomas Bays Co. of Yoaghogania Co. Militia stationed at French Town Camp.

pg. 036, VANCE, Robert - Commissioned Lt. in garrison with Amaed. Muster Roll of Thomas Sullivan's Co. of the 13th Va. Regt. now in the service of the U.S. commanded by Col. John Gibson, Mustered Aus. 17, 1778.

pg. 223, VANCE, David Included in "A list of Grants for Lands in Buncombe County which have been perfected since and including Apr. 1802 to the 1st of June 1807 \_\_\_\_ 13.

1802 grantee VANCE, David 250 acres.

pg. 214, VANCE, Samuel -- Sheriff of Buncombe, North Carolina. "William ALLEN's home as a temporary courthouse. In 1810 Walton County was included in the federal census of Georgia and was reported with a population of 1,026. (4)

"However, the boundary between Georgia and North Carolina had not been locted by the time of the county's formation, and this would cause major - later fatal - problems for Walton. Because of the uncertainty of state authority, the area, according to John CLAYTON (one of the first settlers), became a refuge for the "Desecrated set that could not live in human society" and who robbed settlements in all the nearby states." North Carolina believed that most, if not all, of the area claimed as Walton County by Georgia was actually within the bounds of its own Buncombe County, formed in 1791. Thus, it issued land grants and tried to collect taxes in what it considered to be Buncombe County after the formation of Walton Cöunty in 1803. ... Georgia denied the validity of these grants in the area claimed as Walton County and charged that such grants were being made to large speculators who used force and the authority of local North Carolina officials, such as Sheriff Samuel VANCE and Justice of the Peace Benjamin ODELL of Buncombe County, to evict some the original occupants from their long held lands and to force others to pay rent. North Carolina, however, answered that the grants were being made to local people - not to speculators -and, in any event, the area had enough unclaimed land for everyone. In 1806 some North Carolinians attempted to claim themselves as residents of Walton County to qualify for draws in Georgia's 1806 Land Lottery."

BODY-SNATCHING FOR THE MEDICAL SCHOOLS

My Grandfather, Dr. Ap Morgan Vance, was a well-known Physician and Surgeon in Louisville, Kentucky, around the turn of the century. He was born outside Nashville, Tennessee, on May 24, 1854, to Morgan Brown Vance and Susan Preston Thompson Vance, in the community of Locust Grove, at the residence of the Honorable Matthew Barrow, where his parents were passing the summer. He attended rural schools in Tennessee and Kentucky, then public schools in New Albany, Indiana. He entered the medical department of the University of Louisville in 1876, becoming the assistant of one of the foremost surgeons of the city. He graduated in 1878, and obtained a resident internship at the Hospital for Ruptured and Crippled Children in New York City. Having a natural mechanical bent, he devised and improved apparatus for crippled limbs and diseased spines which, with little change, were used for many years. Returning to Louisville in 1881, he elected to confine his practice to surgery, becoming the first exclusive practitioner of this specialty in Kentucky. His chief interest was orthopedic surgery, but found that Louisville at that time could not support such a limited practice, so accepted whatever surgery came his way. One of his special interests was the surgical correction of congenital clubfoot, a fairly prevalent disfigurement of the day. Family stories indicate that for a number of years, he rode the streets of Louisville in his horse and carriage looking for children with clubfoot, and operated on all whose parents consented to the treatment, many times without charge. In 1905, a caricature of him engaged, presumably, in that activity, was published in the book Kentuckians as We See Them, put out by the Louisville newspaper cartoonists. It is shown to the right, above. He wrote many articles on surgery for medical journals, and spoke at many medical society meetings. He was a member of the Southern Surgical and Gynecological Association, the American Association



AP MORGAN VANCE,  
Physician.



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of Gynecology and Obstetrics, and the American Orthopedic Association, and was a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons. He once gave an informal presentation, at a private party of fellow Doctors and their wives, describing his experiences as a "body-snatcher" while a medical student, supplying cadavers for dissection at the area medical institutions. He repeated it many times thereafter, and the following is a copy of his notes, exactly as written.

Samuel L. Vance

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In a large town in the middle-west, known as a medical center, at a dinner given by Dr. A. M. Cartledge to Dr. Howard A. Kelly, of Baltimore, at which were present a number of professional friends and their wives, the gentlemen being left in the smoking room, Dr. Kelly asked about his old friend Dr. Ouchterlony and expressed great regret at not having seen him again before he died, as he had promised to relate some body-snatching stories which he (Dr. Kelly) was very anxious to obtain. Dr. F. W. Koehler remarked: "Dr. Ouchterlony never had any practical experience as a resurrectionist, but there (pointing to me) is the King of body-snatchers." Dr. Cartledge said: "Yes, I have heard Vance's stories and they are very interesting. I hope you can prevail on him to relate them for Dr. Kelly's entertainment." After considerable persuasion I consented, and in the preface said that I commenced the study of medicine in the spring of 1876 at the University of Louisville, and the following spring succeeded to the position of body-snatcher for that institution. This meant that I was body-snatcher for all of the medical schools in the city, there being then three, and to prevent conflict the business of obtaining material for the dissecting room was pooled.

My predecessor who graduated in 1877 was Dr. J. E. Renner. This position was usually obtained from two facts, one that the man was impecunious, needed to do something to help him through college, and on the other hand was chosen for his daredevilishness. I certainly fulfilled the first requirement of being impecunious, and it may be said that the other qualification I owe to my friends.

In those days the only method of obtaining material for the dissecting room was by stealing it from the cemeteries, and at the date mentioned it was secured only from those burying grounds where the pauper dead were interred, - the potter's field, the penitentiary and the lunatic asylums. There was always considerable risk in this undertaking, and in order to lessen this and to have well in hand information to guide us we had not only to "fee" the undertaker but had also to pacify and quiet the policemen that we were likely to encounter in our work. The undertaker, of course, was the most important personage, as he would mark the graves for us where good material

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was to be had and would have us notified in time as to what part of the cemetery and to which cemetery we were to go. This was done by his daughter who would leave a notification in writing in a secret code in the office of Dr. W. O. Roberts the then demonstrator of anatomy in the University of Louisville and by whom I was employed. This undertaker's daughter was always designated as the "death angel" and her notification would inform us whether the body would be found in the white burying ground, the colored burying ground or the Catholic burying ground.

The method carried out and the paraphernalia necessary was very simple: Two of us, Clint the janitor and myself, had an arrangement with the livery stable to let us have a convenient wagon and a good horse whenever we called for it. We usually started after twelve o'clock at night. The potter's field adjacent to the alms house was the most frequently visited cemetery. It was located in a very lonely and isolated place, the only house near being the poor house which was quite half a mile away. The manner in which the undertaker marked the grave was by a little peg placed just under the surface of the earth at the foot of the grave. In this way we did not have to remove the earth from one and then another of the newly made graves to find out which was good material and which might be bad. We became very skillful in the use of the shovel, which in addition to a rope and a gunny sack or two were the only implements utilized.

In getting down to the coffin which under these circumstances were usually of plain boards, we shoveled out the dirt over the head of the grave exposing the coffin down to about the waist line of the corpse. An ordinary old fine key-hole saw was then started in the edge of the coffin top at about the waist line of the corpse. When the box had been completely sawed through the part between the saw and the head of the corpse was stamped in with the feet, the boards lifted out and the body exposed from the head to the waist. The one who was in the grave then lifted the head of the corpse by the hair or by the ears, slipped a noose of rope around the neck and the corpse was then easily slipped out of the coffin just as a letter can be drawn out of the envelope. Of course to avoid possible future trouble all clothing was removed from the body and returned to the grave, the grave was filled up and the mound replaced and left about as we had found it.

The bodies were brought to the University of Louisville where was located a large tank, and in those days they were all immersed in strong brine after having been injected through the arterial system with arsenite of soda. They remained in this large vat until distributed to the different colleges when the schools commenced which in those days was always in the winter time.

In order to keep on friendly terms with the policemen along

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the route that we took in going to and from the grave yards, we kept during the winter months a fire in every dispensary building in the city for their comfort and use; and many times in the small hours of the morning, on turning into the city, we would be hailed by a friendly policeman something like this: "Hello, Doc, been a fishing? How many did you catch?" Upon being answered: "Oh, one or two," he would come back with the question: "Black or white?" - showing the friendly disposition of the minions of the law when they are civilly treated by men who are breaking it!

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The first story I told was in regard to the only time I was ever taken aback or chagrined at the work I was doing. In the usual way we went out to the alms house grave yard, the night being very stormy and dark and the mud deep. After a great deal of difficulty we had removed the earth from the coffin, having been notified that the grave contained the body of a young woman that was very good material. Considerable difficulty was encountered in the dark and rain in locating the edge of the coffin; it seemed to be some irregular box, but I finally succeeded in sawing through and getting out a piece of the board; in other words, it seemed to be a smaller box on top of a larger one. Finally I managed to get hold of some clothing and on pulling it out it was found to be the long dress of a newborn baby. This was a case in which a newborn baby had been buried in the same grave with its mother.

The sight of the little baby took me aback so greatly that I replaced it in its little coffin, covered it up and came away without my material that night, though evidently the body of the mother was in the larger coffin beneath!

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Only one time in my whole experience did the friends of the corpse I had resurrected appear and demand it. This was in the fall of 1877. One morning I was taking my usual nap during the lecture of Dr. T. S. Bell, Professor of Medicine, trying to catch up some sleep, when a fellow student pulled my foot and awakened me pointing to the door out in the hall through the lecture room; there I saw the ashen face of my assistant, Clint, who was beckoning to me. In answer to his call I went out into the hall and there found three men. One of them handed me a letter from Dr. Galliard who was the Dean of one of the other schools. This letter stated that this gentleman's brother had been killed two days before in a runaway accident and had been buried in the potter's field without knowledge of his family as an unidentified corpse; that they had gone out to the potter's field that morning and found the grave empty, and as he (Dr. Galliard) knew that nobody else was doing any body-snatching except the University, he sent the gentleman to us and hoped we would treat him nicely and

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aid him in recovering the corpse of his brother. I inquired who these people were, having already recognized that one of the men must be the brother of the body I had resurrected the night before, judging by his marked resemblance. The other two turned out to be detectives. After consultation with my superiors it was decided to give the body up to this relative. The cadaver had already been injected and placed in the vat of brine. I went down to the dead room and finally fished it out using an ordinary pike-pole or boat hook that we had for bringing bodies to the surface, then washed it off and made it as presentable as possible, and when the brother came in he said: "Yes, that is poor John," and turning his arm up there on his forearm was his name JOHN RAWSON. It happened that this brother was an old policeman and had watched Cave Hill Cemetery, one of the principal cemeteries of the city, and was a very reasonable man; he recognized the necessity of our getting these bodies and did not blame us at all, nor was he inclined to find fault in any way. In the course of an hour a hearse with a nice coffin followed by three carriages drove up to the back door of the University building, the hearse was backed up to the dead room door, the coffin taken out and the body placed in the coffin in a perfectly nude state, put back into the hearse and the carriages and the man's family followed it up to Cave Hill Cemetery where it was interred!

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The following little incident in connection with the work illustrates what a gruesome business it was: It was the absolute rule with us that all clothing should be returned to the grave so as to avoid future trouble, as I have already stated, but on one occasion we had dug up the body of a young negro man who had on a very nice new suit of diagonal clothes, coat, vest and trousers. My assistant, Clint, was very loath to return them to the grave, and finally persuaded me to let him take them to town. I thought very little of it until a few days afterward when Clint came to me and said: "Doctor, I am just three dollars ahead; I brushed those clothes up and Uncle Alec gave me three dollars for them."

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Another little incident illustrates the power of superstition over some people: One hot summer day while injecting a body, - a large negro man, - two five cent pieces fell off from his eyes. I picked them up and went into the yard and gave them to one of a number of students who were resting under the shade of a tree, and told him to go and buy ten cents worth of apples, which he did, and after the apples had been eaten I told them that the money with which they had been bought had been taken from a dead negro's eyes. Without exception all of those who had partaken of the apples showed evidences of the superstition, as to a man they were inclined to be "sick."



## Kathleen's Korner

So many of you have written notes of appreciation concerning the newsletter. Grace Dotson, Virginia Lovett and Mary Norfleet make up a wonderful support team. . Incidentally, Grace, Virginia and I all have new computers, so think of us as we undertake a new challenge in that area. Please, continue to send us in your research, as that is vital to a good newsletter.

I received a nice card from Cissy Vance, and she appreciated the article about her in the April newsletter. Going to Scotland and not meeting Cissy is to miss one of our greatest treasures in the Galloway area. Cissy said she has had the grass cut at Barnbarroch and around the Vans-Agnew crypt at Kirkinner Church. (We send a check for \$100 annually to Cissy and she has someone do the work) Cissy also mentioned she has approached the Ancient Monuments organization and they are going to do something (we hope) to repair the crypt at Kirkinner Church. This is where the 1984 Tour Group worshipped.

Vance Tartan. Please share with us what you have done with your material. Virginia Lovett ordered three yards and made 10 vests, using the plaid on the front and navy on the back. Pretty buttons really made them very attractive. She made one for herself, her husband, all her children and grandchildren, in time for them to wear them at Christmas. She had a scrap left, and trimmed an 11th vest. Now, that is Scotch for you! Even if you can't top this, let us hear from you.

Y'all come. If you need a special place to visit, come see the Palaces of St. Petersburg Exhibit in my home town of Jackson, Mississippi. It is the #1 Tour Group trip for 1996. Already 300,000 (three hundred thousand) have visited the first 3 months. You walk through five opulent palace rooms and six galleries from Peterhof, Catherine Palace at Tsarskoye Selo, Gatchina and Pavlovk. Each room has been reproduced by Russian and American artisans to mirror, in breathtaking detail, the original palace rooms. Adult tickets \$12.00, and if you admit to being over 65, only \$11.00. It closes August 31, 1996. Phone 1-800-409-9959 for reservations. Maybe I can meet you for a cup of coffee. Bruce and Eva can vouch for our good fried catfish in Jackson. There are more Vances in our phone book than in Northern Ireland!

Relatives lost in Virginia? Grace Dotson notes that Virginia covered many thousands of acres of square miles more than it does today. A reference made to a person being born in Virginia could mean the person was really born in part of: Illinois from 1781-1818; Indiana from 1787-1816; Kentucky from 1775-1792; Missouri from 1775-1792; North Carolina from 1728-1803; Ohio from 1728-1803; Pennsylvania from 1752-1786; Tennessee from 1766-1803; West Virginia from 1769-1863. Source: The King Newsletter.

## Obituaries

**Mary Alexander** died of cancer May 11, 1996 in Helena, Arkansas. She recently had compiled a book on her Sarah Vance(#2121) and William Moore of Ireland/Mississippi. Mary donated a copy of her Irish researcher's work to VFA and this was printed in Jan 1991 newsletter. We will miss this kind lady who always went out of her way to help other VFA researchers.

**Caitlin Vance**, daughter of VFA member Mark Vance and his wife Cindy.

Caitlin passed away June 26, 1996. The Graveside Service will be Saturday, July 13th, 10am, at Grandview Cemetery, Anacortes. A Memorial Celebration will follow at 11am, at the Anacortes Christian Church, 1211 "M" Ave, Anacortes. In lieu of flowers memorials are suggested to the Anacortes Christian Church c/o the Caitlin Vance Memorial Fund, 1211 "M" Avenue, Anacortes, WA 98221. Our most sincere condolences to Mark and his family.

## Miscellaneous

**VFA Member, John Vance, of Tacoma, Washington** sent a business card for his families 'Piping' business. Bag Pipes, that is. Unfortunately, we couldn't reproduce this attractive card for the newsletter. John and his family Piped for our 1991 meeting in Seattle and were a big hit. He advertises 'Piping for All Occasions.' John Vance (206) 759-6525.

**We received the following letter along with Roy Vance's renewal.**

"March 23, 1996  
Dear Bruce,

Hospitals are generally not the most fun places to be. However, recently while recovering from an illness in the University of Washington Medical Center, I had the delightful experience of meeting my newest Vance 'cousin.'

One afternoon a very elegant lady strode into my room and announced, 'I'm Barbara Vance.' We then spent some time talking about our ancestors. We left a lot of ground to be covered and I am looking forward to our meeting again.

We determined that we were both members of the Vance Family Association although my affiliation was much more recent. If the other VFA members share the same characteristics of this warm and caring lady, what a great group we have. It is an exciting prospect that may be able to meet other 'Barbaras' in the organization.

I am indebted to the first cousin, Rubye Harrison of Mississippi for directing me to the VFA. She is definitely a 'Barbara-type' and I am proud to call her cousin.

Sincerely, Roy Vance."

Thanks for the enjoyable letter and Roy, I can assure you the VFA members I have met qualify as 'Barbaras!'

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**NEW AND REVISED VFA PEDIGREES**

**BALTZ, Naomi**

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|------------------------|------------------|------------------|---------------|----|
| (9164) BALTZ, Austin D | B-               | D-               | M-            | PA |
| (8609) CONN, Arthur    | B- 1870 OH       | D- 1946 PA       |               |    |
| (8611) CONN, Isaac     | B- 1831 PA       | D- 1906 OH       | M-30 Sep 1858 |    |
| (8612) VANCE, Jacob J  | B- 6 Oct 1809 PA | D- 6 Nov 1890 OH |               |    |
| (3101) VANCE, Davis    | B-22 Nov 1786 PA | D-29 Mar 1837 OH | M- 5 Jul 1807 |    |

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| (8816) CONN, Naomi       | B-15 Sep 1904 PA | D-               |
| (8814) LAZELL, Elizabeth | B-               | D- 1960 PA       |
| (8610) VANCE, Hannah     | B-Abt 1834 PA    | D- 1914 OH       |
| (8674) GADDIS, Rachel    | B-Abt 1809 PA    | D-16 Dec 1881 OH |
| (3102) TEDRICK, Hannah   | B-15 Nov 1788    | D-19 Sep 1877 OH |

**KENNEDY, Pat**

|                            |            |                  |
|----------------------------|------------|------------------|
| (9193) KENNEDY, Marvin L   | B- 1930 ND | D-               |
| (9190) WILCOX, Charles B   | B- 1909 OR | D-               |
| (9188) WILCOX, Robert B    | B- 1879 OR | D- 1975 OR       |
| (9187) WILCOX, Charles B   | B- 1856 PA | D- 1887 WA       |
| (9184) MCGEE, William D    | B- 1812 NC | D- 1877 OR       |
| (9183) MCGEE, Henry        | B- 1788 NC | D- 1845 MO       |
| (3514) ENDSLEY, Abraham Sr | B-Abt 1756 | D-27 Jun 1808 NC |
| (1621) VANCE, Samuel Sr    | B- 1726    | D-26 May 1789 NC |

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| (9192) WILCOX, Patricia  | B- 1931 OR    | D-               |
| (9191) ALLSTOTT, Tressie | B- 1909 OR    | D-               |
| (9189) ESKELSON, Ethel F | B- 1887 OR    | D- 1988 OR       |
| (9186) MCGEE, Margaret J | B- 1854 MO    | D- 1881 OR       |
| (9185) NELSON, Jane C    | B- 1815 NC    | D- 1898 OR       |
| (9182) ENDSLEY, Hannah   | B- 1789 NC    | D-               |
| (3511) VANCE, Sarah      | B-25 Nov 1766 | D-25 May 1837 MO |
| (101) UNK, Alice         | B-            | D-               |

**MOODY, Joyce**

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| (9107) MOODY, James E     | B- 6 Jun 1934 AR | D-               | M- 1 Dec 1953 AR |
| (9108) WILSON, Oran C     | B- 7 Mar 1896 OK | D-20 Feb 1965 OK | M-15 Dec 1921 SD |
| (9110) WILSON, Robert N   | B- 4 Jun 1853 OH | D- 8 May 1925 OK | M-23 Sep 1894 OK |
| (9112) PETERSON, Peter Jr | B- 1 Aug 1828 OH | D-27 Jan 1911 KS | M-25 Dec 1851 IN |
| (1839) VANCE, James H     | B- 1812 VA       | D-               |                  |

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| (9106) WILSON, Bonnie    | B-30 Jul 1931 OK | D-               |
| (9109) SWANSON, Alice M  | B-15 Sep 1902 SD | D-31 Oct 1985 OK |
| (9111) PETERSON, Theodot | B- 7 Mar 1862 MO | D-23 Dec 1956 OK |
| (9113) VANCE, Mariah E   | B- 1 May 1835 VA | D-14 Nov 1916 KS |
| (1840) BOUHER, Sarah     | B- 1813 VA       | D-               |

**PYLE, Rebecca**

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|-----------------------------------------|-------------------|------------------|------------------|
| (4627) PYLE, William F                  | B- 2 Jan 1947 OH  | D-               | M- 2 Jun 1972 OH |
| (4629) KENTON, Harold T Jr              | B-27 Aug 1918 OK  | D- 6 May 1989 OH | M-31 May 1941 OH |
| (4631) KENTON, Harold D                 | B-13 Jul 1897 OH  | D-19 Jan 1946 OH | M- 6 Feb 1918 OH |
| (4633) KENTON, Oliver C                 | B-30 Aug 1857 OH  | D-11 Apr 1925 OH | M-17 Feb 1885 OH |
| (4635) KENTON, James                    | B-13 Sep 1818 OH  | D-13 Aug 1894 OH | M-25 Sep 1844 OH |
| (4637) TAYLOR, John V                   | B- 1784 VA        | D-28 Jan 1858 OH | M- 9 Feb 1809 OH |
| (390) VANCE, Joseph C                   | B-24 Oct 1759 VA  | D-16 May 1809 OH | M-10 Apr 1781 VA |
| (2169) VANCE, David Jr                  | B- 1721 Ire       | D- 1768 VA       |                  |
| (1246) VANCE, David Sr                  | B-                | D-               |                  |
| ----- Additional & Double Line(s) ----- |                   |                  |                  |
| (9327) BOISEN, P                        | B-24 Jun 1864 Den | D-               | M-22 Mar 1892 OH |
| (9329) FOX, Amos                        | B-25 Aug 1830 OH  | D-14 Sep 1891 OH | M-19 Nov 1860 OH |
| (9331) FOX, Absolon                     | B-15 May 1790 VA  | D-16 Sep 1869 OH | M-Abt 1818 VA    |
| (9333) FOX, William                     | B- 8 Jun 1759 NJ  | D- 8 Mar 1821 VA | M-Abt 1788       |
| (9335) VAUSE, William                   | B- 7 May 1741 VA  | D-17 Nov 1789 VA | M-Abt 1763 VA    |
| (9337) VAUSE, Ephraim                   | B-Abt 1720        | D-Aft 1758       | M-Abt 1740 PA    |

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| (4628) KENTON, Rebecca A | B-17 Jan 1946 OH | D-               |
| (4630) BRATTAIN, Marjori | B-23 Jan 1921 IN | D-               |
| (4632) BOISEN, Mary H    | B-26 Mar 1899 OH | D-19 Feb 1976 OH |
| (4634) BARBER, Caroline  | B- 1864 OH       | D- 6 Dec 1908 OH |
| (4636) TAYLOR, Bridget J | B- 7 Dec 1821 OH | D-31 Dec 1894 OH |
| (4638) VANCE, Jane       | B- 1788          | D-29 Jan 1869 OH |
| (1275) WILSON, Sarah     | B- 1761 VA       | D-26 Sep 1846 OH |
| (2170) UNK, Janet        | B-               | D-               |
| (6884) UNK, Sarah        | B-               | D-               |
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| (9328) FOX, Frances      | B-20 Aug 1866 OH | D- 5 Sep 1934 OH |
| (9330) DILTZ, Mary       | B- 3 Oct 1835 OH | D-27 May 1893 OH |
| (9332) HUMES, Margaret   | B-20 Jul 1790 VA | D-31 Jul 1867 OH |
| (9334) VAUSE, Jemima     | B- 9 Jul 1764 VA | D-Bef 1838       |
| (9336) HEDGES, Rachel    | B-20 Jan 1743 VA | D-Abt 1832 VA    |
| (9338) HEULINGS, Theodos | B-Abt 1720       | D-               |

**SEEBERGER, Robert Vance**

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| (9303) SEEBERGER, Robert V              | B- 1939          | D-               |
| (9302) SEEBERGER, Thomas G              | B- 1907          | D- 1975          |
| (9300) BROWN, Gay R                     | B- 1883          | D- 1941          |
| (9298) CAMPBELL, Robert                 | B- 1847          | D- 1908          |
| (4664) VANCE, John S                    | B-               | D-               |
| (575) VANCE, William HON                | B-30 Nov 1775 PA | D-18 Apr 1856 PA |
| (578) VANCE, Joseph Col                 | B- 1750 VA       | D- 6 May 1832 PA |
| (579) VANCE, William Maj                | B-Abt 1718 Ire   | D- 1788 PA       |
| (1246) VANCE, David Sr                  | B-               | D-               |
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| (2169) VANCE, David Jr                  | B- 1721 Ire      | D- 1768 VA       |
| (1246) VANCE, David Sr                  | B-               | D-               |

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**Pittsburgh PA 15228 1718**

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| (9304) HARY, Ruth A      | B- 1940    | D-               |
| (9301) BROWN, Dorothea J | B- 1908    | D- 1968          |
| (9299) CAMPBELL, Eugenia | B- 1883    | D- 1960          |
| (9297) VANCE, Caroline J | B- 1850    | D- 1907          |
| (4665) JEROME, Emily     | B-         | D-               |
| (577) PATTERSON, Hannah  | B-         | D-               |
| (1464) VANCE, Ann        | B- 1751 VA | D-17 Apr 1788 PA |
| (1511) GILKESON, Mary C  | B-         | D-Aft 1788       |
| (6884) UNK, Sarah        | B-         | D-               |
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| (2170) UNK, Janet        | B-         | D-               |
| (6884) UNK, Sarah        | B-         | D-               |

**SUMAN, Jean**

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| (9244) SUMAN, Edward       | B- 3 Oct 1925 CO | D-               | M-14 Jul 1951 MO |
| (9242) DICKSON, Walter B   | B-13 Dec 1897 KS | D-22 Jun 1988 KS | M-16 Feb 1924 KY |
| (9240) COURTNEY, Samuel    | B-29 Jan 1861    | D- 7 Mar 1935 KS | M-22 Sep 1885    |
| (9238) DRESSLER, Frederick | B-18 May 1832 PA | D- 3 Oct 1917 KS | M-25 Dec 1856 MI |
| (7693) HATFIELD, Samuel    | B- 6 Dec 1797    | D-25 Aug 1877 PA |                  |
| (9) VANCE, William         | B- 8 Feb 1779 PA | D-20 Nov 1854 OH | M-Abt 1797 PA    |

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| (9243) DICKSON, Roella J | B- 2 Dec 1926 MO | D-               |
| (9241) COURTNEY, Naomi M | B-25 Apr 1904 KS | D-22 May 1984 KS |
| (9239) DRESSLER, Luella  | B- 9 Oct 1866 MI | D-24 Jul 1908 KS |
| (9237) HATFIELD, Lucinda | B-16 Mar 1834 PA | D-22 Mar 1904 KS |
| (7691) VANCE, Rebecca    | B-11 Dec 1802 PA | D- 2 Dec 1862 PA |
| (10) MINTUN, Rachel      | B-27 Jan 1783 NJ | D- 1 May 1873 OH |

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| (9146) VANCE, Glenn R    | B-19 Oct 1934 VA | D-               | M-17 Sep 1957 VA |
| (9133) VANCE, John W     | B-17 Apr 1907 WV | D- 5 Dec 1972 VA | M- 2 Aug 1928 WV |
| (9128) GILBERT, Victoria | B- Oct 1876      | D- 1 Oct 1961 VA | M-12 Jan 1894    |
| (9125) VANCE, John Jr    | B-               | D-               |                  |
| (646) VANCE, John        | B- 1806 VA       | D- Nov 1883 WV   |                  |

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| (9152) STILTNER, Peggy A | B-20 Mar 1936 VA | D-               |
| (9139) DAY, Abbie        | B- 9 Sep 1909 VA | D-               |
| (9127) VANCE, William H  | B-               | D- Apr 1939      |
| (9126) GROSE, Letah      | B-               | D-               |
| (647) MCKINNEY, Marinda  | B-Abt 1813 NC    | D-27 Jun 1909 WV |

**VANCE, Samuel Herndon**

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**Port Orange FL 32127**

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| (9179) VANCE, Samuel H   | B-               | D-               |                  |
| (665) VANCE, Robert B Sr | B- 3 Oct 1912 SC | D-               | M-11 Dec 1954    |
| (668) VANCE, Zeb         | B- 9 Feb 1876 SC | D-10 Jul 1952 SC |                  |
| (670) VANCE, Samuel G    | B-28 Apr 1844 SC | D- 8 Sep 1928 SC |                  |
| (672) VANCE, William G   | B-14 Apr 1794 SC | D-12 Feb 1869 SC |                  |
| (96) VANCE, Samuel Jr    | B-Abt 10 May     | D-20 Oct 1846 SC | M-22 Feb 1787 NC |
| (1621) VANCE, Samuel Sr  | B- 1726          | D-26 May 1789 NC |                  |

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| (666) HERNDON, Marilyn  | B-               | D-               |
| (669) BABB, Nettie M    | B-21 Nov 1885 SC | D-24 Jul 1958 SC |
| (671) DAVENPORT, Alice  | B-27 Oct 1853 SC | D- 4 Feb 1921 SC |
| (673) DAVENPORT, Sicaly | B-10 Sep 1805    | D- 5 Jun 1894    |
| (99) GILMORE, Elizabeth | B-10 Aug 1766    | D-29 Nov 1842    |
| (101) UNK, Alice        | B-               | D-               |

**VANCE, Susan E**

**3560 Howard  
#17**

**Omaha NE 68105**

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| (9097) VANCE, Claire C | B-24 Sep 1927 IA | D-               | M-17 Sep 1950 IA |
| (9099) VANCE, Virgil L | B-27 Jan 1888 SD | D- 1 Feb 1975 IA | M-18 Feb 1920 IA |
| (9101) VANCE, Asa      | B-15 Feb 1849 OH | D-28 Jul 1927 IA | M-17 Nov 1880    |
| (9103) VANCE, Thomas   | B-23 Jun 1818    | D- 6 Jan 1896 OH | M- 3 Oct 1839    |
| (9105) VANCE, Anthony  | B-               | D-               |                  |

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| (9096) VANCE, Susan E    | B-10 Dec 1964 IA | D-               |
| (9098) BARNEY, Marjorie  | B-25 Dec 1927 NE | D-21 Jun 1991 NE |
| (9100) CARSE, Alice E    | B-16 Mar 1889 IA | D-26 Nov 1962 IA |
| (9102) FLORANCE, Frances | B- 7 Feb 1858    | D-20 Dec 1905 IA |
| (9104) CARNAL, Anne      | B-20 Sep 1820 OH | D- 6 Jun 1902 OH |

**VFA Member Betty Silfies** passed along a description/invitation to join the Veitch (Veach, Veatch, Veech, Veitch) Historical Society. Veitch is an early allied name. Those interested can obtain more information by writing to: William A. Veitch, VP of Membership, 1408 Bexley Cove Lane, Knoxville, TN 37922.

**Planning Research in Pennsylvania?**

If a visit to the State Library of Pennsylvania in Harrisburg is ahead, check its status by telephone before leaving home; otherwise, you might be disappointed. A sizable part of its collection was contaminated by lead-paint dust as a result of renovations, those areas will be closed from six to 12 months, it was reported several months ago. The number to call for status: (717) 787-2646.

**Allen County (Indiana) Library**

The Allen County Public Library in Fort Wayne, Indiana (among the largest genealogy libraries) is now accessible by modem. The telephone number is (219) 424-1330. After connecting enter 'acplopac' and that will get you to the card catalog. Card file hours are Monday-Thursday 6 a.m.-6 p.m., Friday and Sat. 6: a.m. -3p.m. and Sunday 10 a.m.-3p.m., all times Pacific Daylight Time. I tried this and found a reference to one VFA newsletter although they are sponsored and receive each edition. Nevertheless, I did find many references to Vance genealogical sources.

**Samuel Vance, VFA Vice President**, forwarded the following letter from The Hermitage for the membership to share.

Dear Mr. Vance:

We are in receipt of the generous donation of the Vance Family Association. Thank you for your interest in The Hermitage and its continuing preservation. I agree, as do all of us here, that we must persevere in our efforts to ensure that Andrew Jackson will be known to future generations. The entire staff and board take great pride in our nation's heritage and to promulgating the memory of one of our country's true heroes.

Again, thank you for your commitment to the memory of Andrew Jackson and to his Hermitage.

Sincerely,  
*Signed James Vaughan, Executive Director*



# Queries

Years ago I found the marriage record of **Catherine Vance/William Cotter** 24 Jan 1784 in Rockbridge Co. Va. Marriage Register Bk I Pg 569. I was told there was no other information available but Kathy Diloreto recently sent me a copy of the original marriage bond! The name of **Patrick Vance** appears as a bondsman; no relationship shown. Who is this **Patrick**? **Catherine Vance Cotter** named her firstborn son **John Vance Cotter**. Was this after her father?? Please share any info on Rockbridge Co., as other records are giving more comprehensive information about this **Vance** family. Currently planning to submit an article on this family in an upcoming newsletter.

**Delilah S. Foster, 6711 Old State Road, North Bethesda, NM 20842**

Who was the **Joseph Vance** listed in 1787 Augusta Co. Va. Personal property tax? There were no white males above 16 and under 21, no slaves, he owned 5 horses and 5 cows. Another **Joseph Vance** was listed in 1787 in Berkeley Co. W. Va. With 2 white males above 16 and under 21. He had 6 horses and 16 cattle. Please help identify.

**Lee Vance Woerdernan, 805 1st Ave. West, Oskaloosa, IA 52577-2606.**

Seeking information on **Olive Ruth Vance** b PA abt 1915-1920, m **Herbert McCulley** also from PA., He entered the Army where they ended up in CA, they both died in Belle Flower, CA, but they were buried in Scottsdale, PA.

**Diedra Wilkens, 650 Threase Circle, Mechanicsville, MD 20659**

Seeking the names and any other information on the parents of **Patrick** (b. 1801/2) **Sihon** (b. 1803), **John** (b. 1804) and **Jane** (b.1806) **Vance**. All were born in Claiborne County, TN. The 1880 census indicates that their father was born in PA and their mother in SC. Her first name probably was **Amy** and her surname possibly **Ellison**. **Sihon** and **John** married **Isabel** and **Rachel Breeding** respectively, the daughters of **Bryant Breeding**. **Jane** married **Reuben Sellers**. **Sihon** moved to Brown County, IL in approx. 1849 where he presumably died after 1880.

**Loren A. Vance, 5018 N Placita del Lazo, Tucson, AZ 85750-1531**

**David Vance** was born about 1765 in PA. His first wife was named **Elizabeth(?)** who bore 10 children. His second wife was named **Elizabeth Creamer** who also bore 10 children. He and wife #2 were buried in Sumner County TN in 1831. The oldest child was **David Vance Jr.** Born 1785 in PA. In 1820 he married **Jane Gillespie** born 1800, Rowan County, NC. They had 11 children which they raised in Sumner and Macon Counties, TN. This **Vance** family consisted of farmers and tradesmen and I have found no connection with the more prominent **Vances** of their era. I have extensive information on **David Jr.** Forward to the present and wish to correspond with someone who can trace farther back and account for the time in PA. I also possess a considerable amount of information on the **Gillespies** of Rowan, NC.

**Walt Vinson, 621 Rayburn Dr., Desoto, TX 75115**

Several VFA members are at a dead end with **James H. Vance** b 1812 VA m **Sarah Bouher** b VA. They had 8 children. **John D.**, **Mariah Elizabeth**, **Carolina**, **Susan Rity**, **Augusta**, **Truman**, **James R.**, **William H.** The first two being born in Washington Co., VA the others in Wabash Co., IN. Allied names are **Peterson**, **Bomgardner**, **Cohren**. Any clue regardless of how remote would be appreciated.

**Joyce Wilson Moody, POB Box 213, Garber, OK 73738.**

**Thomas Vance** b 1818 d 1896 m **Anne Carnal** b 1820. Father was **Anthony Vance**. Places of events unknown. Any help at all would be appreciated. Have been passed family information which is sketchy and possibly inaccurate.

**Susan Vance, 3560 Howard St., Apt 17, Omaha, NE 68105**

Any knowledge on the allied line of **Brereton** greatly appreciated.

**Hugh Casement, c/o Bruce Vance, 612 155th Place NE, Bellevue, WA 98007-4822.**

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Looking for **Vance & Vause** descendants who are researching allied lines of **Taylor, Marquis, Hedges, VanMeter**. Will share information.

**Becy Kenton Pyle, 541 Bloomfield Ave., Urbana, OH 43078**

Seeking further information about my grandfather, **Henry Fenton Vance** 1892 - 1962 and his father, **Maynard W Vance** 1858 - 1936. Apparently, **Maynard Vance** married (?) a full blooded Indian named **Annie** who became the mother of **Henry**. **Henry** was born in Enclair, WI. Family information has been difficult to acquire. Additional family lore says that **Maynard Vance's** money built Vanceboro, ME but town history never mentions this connection. Help!

**Shirley Kroustallis, POB 324, W Kennebunk, ME 04094-324.**

Need a 'boost up my family tree.' **Eleanor Vance** b abt 1801 MD, m **Jacob Rudesby (Rudicile/Rudisill)** 1822 in Clark Co., OH. **Eleanor** died in Champaign Co., IL pre 1869. **Jacob** and **Eleanor** came to Champaign Co., IL abt 1847 after **Jacob's** father died.

**Mary A. Yoder, 605 Pine St., #77, Normal, IL 61761**

Looking for information on my grgrgrandmother **Margaret Eliza Vance** b. abt 1810, m. **B. F. Morris**, b. abt 1799, Cincinnati, OH abt. 1831. Dau. **Catherine MORRIS** b. 19 Mar 1833, Cincinnati, OH, d. Feb 1914, m. **Reeson G. HOUSEHOLDER**, b.22 Jan 1832, (my grgrandparents). IGI search at local LDS/FHC revealed that **Catherine & sister Clarissa's** births and parents were submitted by **Reed VANCE** abt. 1970 indicating that he was their 4th cousin, twice removed. Parents of **Reed Vance** b. abt 1900 were identified as **Marintha Althera MARTIN** and **Isaac Reno Vance**.

**Robert E Wallace, 818 72nd St, Downers Grove, IL 60516**

For several years, I have attempted to place two women, **Sarah** and **Phebe Vance**, who are believed to be sisters, into a Vance family. I am hoping that the VFA can assist me. **Sarah Vance**, on July 15, 1816, in Franklin County, IN, married my ancestor, **Elijah Baker**. On August 29, 1923, **Phebe Vance**, married **David Baker**, brother of **Elijah Baker**. They were sons of **John** and **Athaliah Wainscott Baker**. **Elijah** and **Sarah Vance Baker** moved on to Shelby County, IN, where they remained for a few years. Their next move was to Miami County, IN. Later they moved on to Palestine, Kosciusko County, IN and then to Daviess County, MO. **Elijah** died near Gallatin in Daviess County, MO, on May 1, 1866. **Sarah** lived until 1884 and died at the home of a son near Waverly, Coffey County, KS. **David** and **Phebe Vance Baker** also moved to Shelby County, IN, and it was believed that they remained in the area. Census records give the birthplace of **Sarah Vance Baker** as OH. Records indicate only five children who lived to adulthood: **Elias** born 1819; **Athaliah** in 1822; **Melinda Jane** in 1829; **John** in 1831; and **Ira Edgar** in 1834.

**John Rider, 3002 North Grant Street, Enid, OK 73703-1619**

My grandfather was **Corbie Ivorson Vance**, born Oct 15, 1907. I am looking for information on his parents and grandparents. His father was **William Franklin Vance**, born Jan 19, 1877 married to **Mollie Bertha Nix**. **William's** father was **Samuel Edward Vance** married to **Margaret Ann Lucky**. My grandfather was born in Red River Parish, LA - I do not know where his parents were born, I would appreciate any information you could provide these Vances.

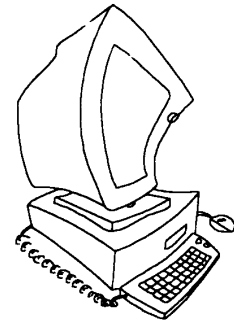
**Cathy Pendergrass, 2 Moriston Road, Mauldin, SC 29662**

Living ancestor sought. I am trying to locate my birth father, **George Vance**. He and his brother **Everett** were registered voters in Logan, WV in 1962. Their parents were **Appie** and **Rosey Vance** and there is a sister named **Nettie**. Please help

**George E. Videto, POB 204, Seneca Rocks, WV 26884. (304) 567-2556.**

# Computer Stuff

First of all, let me explain that I get 90% of my genealogical software information from two sources. The first and the one that covers all phases of computerized genealogy is the National Genealogy Society/ Computer Interest Group. They have grown to the point of having a single expert authoring a column for each major piece of software. They cover on line services, advances in technology, support levels, tips and whatever else is topical at the time. To receive this document just join the NGS and indicate your interest in the Computer Interest Group. Write to NGS at 4527 Seventeenth Street North, Arlington, VA 22207-2399. You will receive the regular NGS Quarterly and every other month the NGS Newsletter with the CIG section.



Secondly, as we have the VFA database on Personal Ancestral File (PAF), I subscribe to the 'PAF Users Unlimited Quarterly.' This is published quarterly by Vance Parker (not a Vance descendant). He is located close to the software group that supports PAF in Utah and has their ear. The document provides tips on using PAF as well as exploring status issues. It is excellent for novices and experienced users. To join send \$12.50 to Vance Parker, 2463 Ledgewood Dr., West Jordan, UT 84084-5738.

My current recommendations are PAF and Family Tree Maker , Deluxe Edition. Take your choice. PAF remains a DOS based system even though the new version 3.0 is expected to 'Windows-like.' It is a solid, inexpensive, totally functional product. However, and this is a personal opinion, I sense the LDS Church is backing off a bit in their support of genealogical software. This is probably due to the dramatic increase in the number of software packages available and also because they are good products with many features. Banner Blue is taking the genealogy world by storm with their Family Tree Maker and the CD offerings that come with it. The later provide much nicer print products and support features but it still lacks the tools needed for a large database such as the VFA. There are many utilities available to PAF users to 'spiffy-up' the print outs but I haven't used one yet.

The big shocker is that GEDCOM appears to be dying as reliable interface between software packages. It seems the various developers can't (or won't) agree on a supporting the new 5.5 standards. The major impact on us is that we will have to be extra careful in selecting software as we many not be able to transfer the data to a new package if we don't like the original and exchanging data may not be accurate. I will continue to monitor this area of interest.

Mapper. Several folks have ordered a copy of Mapper from me but I haven't heard about the results. Please drop me a line and tell us of your mapper experiences.

Does anyone have experience with 'Hot Notes' or 'PAF Mate'? How about all the material now on CD, any good stories. I have used the Social Security Death Index with success but it isn't a historical tool.

Other than E-mail, is the Internet doing anybody any good with their ancestor research?

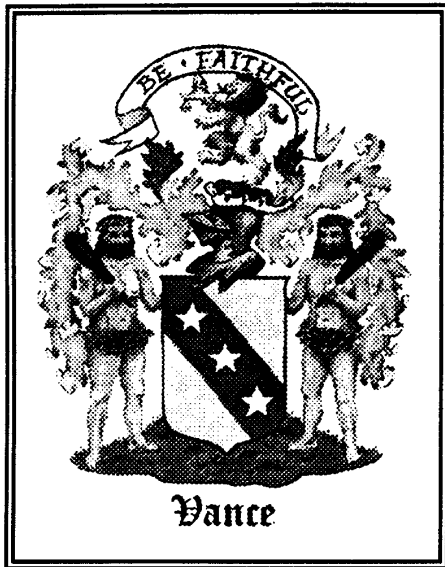
I was pointed towards 'Switchboard' on the Internet. It is the equivalent of the 'Phone Discs' on CD. Give it a try, great results!

Please submit your computer tales, questions and opinions to help make this page become a valuable tool.

Happy bytes,  
bv

**Special Notice from the NGS Newsletter: Halbert's, Inc., of Bath, Ohio, a mail order firm that markets surname products, has agreed to the provisions of a cease and desist order issued by the United States Postal Service in November 1995.**

**Just a few days ago we received a letter from Halberts with an offer for the 'World Book of Vances.' So much for cease and desist orders! Am forwarding the material to the NGS Consumer Protection Committee.**



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## President-Editor's Message

**I**t has been an exemplary year. VFA members and the Historians have accomplished some great research. Many Vance lines are now receiving detailed attention which is a positive direction. We are still plagued by old erroneous data being copied. Some of it has ended up in on-line archives and on CD's which makes it all too easy to copy.

Active membership is at 358 which puts 1996 as one of the highest. I am delighted to report we now have a member in **Northern Ireland!** Welcome to the VFA, David Vance.

States leading in membership: Texas at 26 members is only one back of the leader, California at 27. Other leaders are Ohio - 22, Mississippi - 21, Florida - 20, Missouri and Virginia - 18, Maryland and Washington - 14, Illinois - 13, North Carolina and Oklahoma - 12.

**A**t the 1991 VFA meeting in Seattle we were treated to the Scottish bagpipes and Highland Fling dances by Mark Vance, John Vance and their families. Since that time Stephanie Vance, John's daughter and Brandon Vance, Mark's son, have gone on to national fame.

Stephanie qualified for the Scottish Highland Dance National Championships, July 18 - 21, held in Houston, Texas. There were three competitions. The Pre-Nationals where Stephanie placed 3rd & 5th in two categories. The Nationals where she scored well and the North American Championships where she placed 6th out of 108. Stephanie reports that this was her first national competition and she learned a great deal from the experience. She is looking forward to next years challenge.

Brandon, now 11 years old, competed in the Junior Division of the U.S. National Scottish Fiddle Championship and won the prize as the 'Most Promising Scottish Fiddler.' Mark reports Brandon got to 'fiddle' with some of the best adult fiddlers. He also treated his fellow fiddlers to an impromptu Highland Fling on stage at one of the concerts.

***Congratulations Stephanie and Brandon, from your fellow Vances.***

**T**he 'On Line/E-Mail' group is active and growing. See the insert on the opposite page for addresses. There are over 50 VFA members on-line. Alberta Lisk of Nugent Illinois reports she has found several relatives since going on-line. It shouldn't be too long before we have our own Web Site on the Internet, the project is underway.

**C**oat of Arms. I found a great place to get our COA color copied at a very reasonable price. So, instead of having to charge \$20.00 we can make it available for \$5.00. It won't be on the thick coated Kodak paper but can be easily pasted to a substantial backing.

**F**rederick County Abstracts. We printed this out and had some copies made for those who don't have the computer equipment required to print from a disk. To cover the cost of copying this 240 page document we have set the price at \$20.00. The index varies a bit from the body of the abstract, but is workable.

**U**se your database. We have collected, recorded and edited all these Vance lineages for the benefit of the VFA members. Don't hesitate to drop me a note and request data. There is no charge but be sure and include stamps or a SASE (self addressed stamped envelope) for the return material.

Enuff, go find an ancestor, plant a tree and vote!



***P.S. Many thanks to the 110 members who renewed early.***

**What should have been Page 67 of the April 1996 newsletter was skipped.  
Please mark that page in your newsletter as 67b.**

## VERMONT

BY SUE FOX

VANCE, MARTIN VAN BUREN, was born at Wolcott, Vermont, June 4th, 1838, son of John and Adelia (Hubbard) Vance. When but five years of age his parents moved to Danville and two years later they again moved and located at Lancaster, New Hampshire. Here only a short stay was had and the Vance family moved to Lowell, Massachusetts, and the year following located at Concord, in that state, where he remained for ten years, then locating at Bradford, Vermont, where he was residing when the Civil War Broke out. He enlisted at Danville in Captain A. W. Preston's Company D, First Vermont Cavalry, September 21st, 1861, and was mustered out with his regiment August 9th, 1865. He entered the service as a private and served as corporal, sergeant, commissary sergeant, orderly sergeant, and Governor J. Gregory Smith, on May 9th, 1865, commissioned him second lieutenant of his company. He was in nearly every engagement participated in by the company. He located in Lunenburg, Vermont, after his discharge from the United States service, and ten years later, June 4th, 1875, he married Matilida C. Balch, daughter of James and Fannie (Smith) Balch. Mrs. Vance died January 1, 1903, at the age of fifty-six years, loved and honored by all for her beautiful life of usefulness in the community in which she had spent so many happy years.

Ten years after coming to Lunenburg Mr. Vance bought and resided on the Jonah Brooks farm, but later moved to the village, and for eighteen years carried the mail and express to South Lancaster, New Hampshire. He erected his present residence, which is the best set of buildings in the town, beautifully located, overlooking the Connecticut River, with the gigantic granite hills and White Mountains of New Hampshire in the background.

Mr. Vance took a prominent part in the organization of Lunenburg's Cooperative Creamery Association in 1896. He was elected its president for the first year and has continually held those offices to the present time. In 1896 he represented Lunenburg in the general assembly of Vermont. Mr. Vance is affiliated with the Junior Order of Mechanics, Grange, Grand Army, and Masonic fraternity.

His great-grandfathers on both sides were Revolutionary War Soldiers. His father, John Vance, born 1804. Thus far, documentation has been unsuccessful to connect him to a Revolutionary War soldier. Can anyone assist? Contact Sue Fox, 13330 Tobiasson Road, Poway, CA 92064.

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**John Vance of Topsham, Orange, Vermont - Was his Father Hugh Vans of Boston?** I have searched for my ancestor John Vance, for 18 years. He died in Topsham, Vt. Approximately early May 1801. His wife was Jane, who in 1803 remarried to Charles Emery. Proven sons of John and Jane Vance were David (wife Olive) and William (wife Ruth Welch).

My theory is that my John may have been the John Vans, eldest child born 18 February 1727 to Hugh and Mary (Pemberton) Vans in Boston with siblings Ebenezer b. 21 April 1729; William b. 10 April 1730; and Mary 21 December 1732. Hugh Vans was born ca 1699, and was "a prominent citizen of Boston by 1746 and a respectable merchant", who often traveled abroad. In Andrew McFarland Davis' 1910 book Two Forgotten Pamphleteers, he says: "The name of the family is supposed to have been at one time DeVans, and then to have become Vans, and finally the spelling has been altered to Vance. The suggestion of French origin for the family carries with it the idea that they were Huguenots."

My John was in 1790 census of Newbury, VT with 6 females and 3 males under 16. He moved to Topsham before 1800. PA Archives shows a Hugh "Vance" (not Vans) the son of John Vance of Paxtang, Dauphin, PA, who died July 1734, leaving a wife Mary and among others, a son Hugh.

Does this ring any genealogical bells with anyone? Help me find my John, please! I will share all I have with anyone in this line. Marjorie Vance Rice, 2419 Chevy Chase Drive, Joliet, IL 60435. E-mail address: PQCJ72A@Prodigy.com Many thanks.

**Deed Abstracts of Warren County, Kentucky, 1797-1812, by J. C. Murray.**

Page 63. Deed Book Page 156. 9 May 1809 William Gatewood, James Vance, Benjamin Cawless and Francis Johnson, Gentlemen, four of Trustees for Town of Bowling Green, to Alexander Graham assee of Jacob Ambrose, Lot 69 in Town of Bowling Green. Wit: None listed. *This James Vance appears to be the same as the one in Jan. 1996 NL p. 18, researched by Virginia Lovett. Please help us identify him.*

**Floyd County, Kentucky.** Dorothy Jenkins received a copy of the marriage license and permit of Richard Vance and wife. It reads: " These are to License and permit you, to join together according the rights and ceremonies of the church to which you belong. Richard Vaunce and Mary Simes (sometimes found spelled other ways) of this county, bond being given and the said Mary being of lawful age to contract matrimony and for so doing this shall be your sufficient warrant, given under my hand, this 25 day of March 1813 to any person legally authorized to solemnize matrimony. Teste, Alexander Lacky. This marriage officiated by Matthew Spurlock on 25 March 1813. Research of Dorothy Jenkins, General Delivery, Chauncey, WV 25612.



## THE VANCES OF NC/SC AND BOSSIER PARISH, LA

By Dale Jennings

(This portrayal of Larri Jennings' Vance family line was done by her husband, Dale. They live at 194 Vance Road, Benton, LA 71006)

The Vances of Bossier Parish (county), Louisiana, came directly from the Piedmont region of South Carolina during the mid-nineteenth century. Their motivation followed a common thread in the American saga--population expansion from settled areas to areas newly opened to cultivation.

Much like the first Vances were drawn to northwest Louisiana, their Scotch Irish ancestors came to northwest South Carolina during the previous century. They were part of a southward migration from Virginia. The first ancestor who can be identified with certainty is Samuel Vance, Sr., born c. 1726. This is computed from his tombstone inscription in Old Union Church Graveyard, Forsyth, North Carolina, stating his death as May 26, 1789, at age 63. Records indicate that David, the first born of Samuel and his wife Aley (last name unknown), was born in Frederick County, Virginia. He is the only one of their children known to have been born in Virginia before their coming to North Carolina. The ten children listed in Samuel's 1789 will are David, Nathaniel, Samuel, Sarah, Hannah, Als, Elizabeth, James, John, and Joseph.

Nathaniel Vance was a soldier in the North Carolina Army in the Revolutionary War. He fought under General Gates against the British General Cornwallis in the disastrous battle of Camden, S.C. in 1780. He was reportedly wounded in that battle and later captured and imprisoned at Guildford Court House near Greensboro, N.C. After the war, Nathaniel moved to Laurens County, South Carolina, where he married Mary Dunbar McTier March 27, 1788. They lived in the next household to her family, the William McTiers, and began what would be a large family.

The first census of 1790 lists eleven Vance households in South Carolina. Four households besides Nathaniel's were located in Laurens County. The full relationship of these families is not known; however, Samuel and David were his brothers as probably was James. Descendants of Samuel have a later Bossier Parish connection.

Nathaniel and Mary McTier Vance had thirteen children. Various family sketches, wills, census reports, cemetery listings, and other sources provide some detail to Nathaniel and Mary's family. Of special interest in this narrative are those with a connection, or whose descendants had a connection, to Bossier Parish. They are Samuel, David, Allen, and James Washington. Nathaniel died in Laurens County in 1812. His tombstone inscription indicates that he died November 4, 1812, at age 50, which would place his birth about 1762. Mary was born March 6, 1769, and probably died November 12, 1841. The date of death copied from her tombstone is November 12, 1846. However, her will dated 1840 was proven November 16, 1841. They are

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buried in the Vance family burying ground between Cross Hill and Kinards in Laurens County, as are many of their descendants. The property is still owned by the Vance/Satterwhite descendants. The Vance home, which was built in 1810, was torn down in 1977.

1. Samuel Vance (March 19, 1789 - July 13, 1868), the first born to Nathaniel and Mary McTier Vance, served for a short time in the War of 1812 along the coast of South Carolina. He was married March 3, 1818, to Elizabeth Kincaid Armstrong, the widow of John Armstrong. She was the daughter of Revolutionary War Captain James Kincaid and Mary McMorris Kincaid. Samuel and Eliza had two children, James Kincaid and Mary Prudence. Mary Prudence was born in 1821 and married Dr. Newton Sims, a dentist.

James Kincaid Vance was born December 26, 1818, in Laurens County and came to Greenwood, Abbeville County, as a student in 1836. He married Laurens Louisa (Laura) Watson in 1844. Laura was a daughter of the widowed Nancy Watson, then married to James' uncle, John Vance. James Kincaid was elected to the state legislature from Abbeville County in 1851. He had a large plantation and a good mercantile partnership in Cokesbury. James entered Confederate service and served on the staff of General Sam McGowen, a fellow member of the legislature before the war. He later served on the staff of General N. G. Evans. He served as assistant quartermaster, and after the war, was generally referred to as "Major Vance."

James Kincaid and Laurens Louisa Vance had thirteen children, three of whom died young; John Harrison, Hearst, and Alpha Anna. The others were James Wistar, Samuel Watson, William Washington, Nancy Elizabeth, Biphemia, Norwood Kincaid, Mary Amelia, Elizabeth Perla, Frank Hampton, and Susan Laurens. Nancy married J. Walter Gray; "Bigie Lou" married Zachary Dobbs; Mary married David Dorrah; Elizabeth married Wiley Killingworth; and Susan married Dr. William Norwood. Mention will be made of the sons later. Upon the death of his first wife, James married a second time to Ann Chiles Hearst. She was the widow of Dr. John Wardlow Hearst, also with whom James had served in the Legislature. No children resulted from this marriage.

Samuel Vance's first wife Eliza died November 29, 1827. He married second to widow Susan Burch Ligon Maddox. This marriage produced two children, Ann E. and Susan Corrine. Ann never married. Susan married Robert Waldrop who was killed in the Civil War, but not before two daughters were born of the marriage. There were also several Henderson children in the household in the 1850 census. Susan, Samuel's second wife, died November 25, 1850. Mr. Vance married once more, to Clarissa Simmons. He died in 1868 within three miles of the place of his birth. His tombstone in the Vance family burying ground bears the inscription "God's noblest work: An honest man."

2. Frances Vance (August 29, 1790 - October 15, 1850), married William Green December 20, 1814. They had nine children; Gilly A., Nancy, N. A., E. B., John F., William W., George W., S. R., and S.C. Frances and William are buried in the Liberty Springs Presbyterian Church cemetery in Laurens County. Three sons, George, John and S. R., moved to Pontotoc County, Mississippi.

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**3. William McTeer Vance** (March 6, 1792 - April 7, 1836) married Elizabeth Edrington (or Ederington) July 20, 1820. They had ten children. They were Carr E., Mary F., Sarah C., William L., Martha A., John B., Eliza A., Jane E., Susan C., and Nathaniel W. M. Nathaniel, the last born, was born September 24, 1835, and died February 21, 1838. Mary married Elihu Altom; Sarah married Henry Mitts; Martha married John Hill and later Wesley Tucker; Eliza married T. A. Rudd; Jane married Archibald Clark, who was killed in the Civil War, and later M. F. Dunn; and Susan married Richard S. Satterwhite.

Jane Vance Clark and Susan, minors at the time of the probate of their Uncle Nathaniel Carr Vance's will in 1846, were under the guardianship of their Uncle Allen Vance. Eliza and Susan died in South Carolina and are buried in the old Vance burying ground near Kinards, land still owned by the Satterwhite family. William's widow and many of her children moved to Mississippi where she died. Many of her children and/or their families moved on to northeast Texas.

**4. David Vance** (March 1, 1794 - January 5, 1871) was a planter of considerable wealth in Laurens County. He married December 23, 1819, to Sarah Edrington. Sarah was a sister of Elizabeth Edrington who married David's brother, William. This marriage produced seven children. The three children who died in early childhood were Marcus Augustus, Mary Frances Emily, and Elizabeth Adaline. Those who survived to reach maturity were Rosborough Washington (November 5, 1820 - March 6, 1888), John Addison (February 10, 1823 - February 2, 1857), Samuel Whitfield (January 28, 1827 - May 18, 1877), and David McDuffy (September 30, 1833 - May 21, 1855). Sarah herself died October 6, 1833, 6 days after the birth of David McDuffy.

David Vance married second Matilda Allen Tinsley. They had ten children. They were William Arthur Butler (April 27, 1841 - September 20, 1863, killed at Chicamauga), Mary Cornelia (March 31, 1843 - unknown), Harrison Cornelius (March 9, 1846 - November 2, 1872), Sarah Bell (August 27, 1847 - unknown), Susan Elizabeth (August 27, 1849 - September 8, 1856), Parmelia Clayton (Clate) (June 25, 1852 - unknown), Elizabeth Frances (Lyde) (April 23, 1854 - unknown), and Martha Ella (November 27, 1855 - unknown). Two other sons died in infancy. Matilda Vance died March 2, 1865. David, his two wives, and eight of his children rest in the Vance burying ground.

Only Samuel Whitfield Vance of David's sons is known to have married. Each of his daughters who lived to adulthood did marry. Mary married Dr. M. C. Rivers, Sarah married Francis Godbold, Parmelia married a Mr. Hurdison, Elizabeth married J. W. Copeland, and Martha married R. F. Ferguson.

**5. Sarah Vance** (May 19, 1796 - December 6, 1827) married John Cole on October 7, 1826. She died in childbirth and is buried in the old Vance family burying ground. No legal heirs for Sarah are listed in the probate of her mother's will in 1841.

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**6. Nathaniel Carr Vance** (February 9, 1798, - March 12, 1846) was a prosperous property and mill owner in Laurens County. He was never married and was killed by slaves in 1846. He is buried in the Vance burying ground.

**7. Elizabeth Vance** was born July 24, 1799, and died April 11, 1800.

**8. Mary Caroline**, if in fact she was a Vance sibling as attributed by some, may have been born in this most likely time frame. While she is supposed to have died in 1820, no one has ventured a guess as to her date of birth. Mary is variously said to have probably never married, and to have been married to a Williams.

**9. Allen Vance** (January 3, 1803 - September 18, 1865) married first Rebecca Gary, widow of Dr. Martin Jones Gary. One daughter from this marriage, Sarah Adaline, died September 5, 1837, age 1 year, 5 months. Rebecca Vance died in 1838, at age 35. In 1840, he married second Mary Matilda Chappell who was born in 1823 to John and Elizabeth Brooks Chappell.

Mary Chappell had a grandfather and two great grandfathers in the Revolutionary War. Her grandfather, Lieutenant Elisha Brooks (1761-1806) served in Colonel Robert Anderson's regiment from South Carolina. Her great grandfather, Captain James Butler (1737-1781), commanded a company in 1779 against the Cherokee Indians. He was killed in South Carolina by a band of Tories led by the notorious William Cunningham in 1781. Her great grandfather, James Chappell (1740-1781), with two of his sons, enlisted under General Sumter and all three are said to have been killed in the war.

Allen Vance was a wealthy landowner and planter in Abbeville County, residing in Greenwood. He and Mary Chappell Vance had four children. They were John Chappell N. Vance (August 25, 1843 - February 7, 1913), Mary A. Elizabeth (Mollie) Vance (July 16, 1845 - March 18, 1927), Allen Washington Vance, who died on February 7, 1859, at age ten, and Laura Lucy C. (Nina) Vance (March 27, 1851 - May 15, 1935). Allen, although he acquired considerable property in Bossier Parish, never resided there. His surviving family, however, did relocate to Bossier and Webster Parishes.

**10. John Vance** (April 29, 1804 - April 27, 1877) was a large landowner around Cokesbury, Abbeville County. He married first Nancy Wright Watson, widow of Dr. Elijah Watson, Jr. of Laurens on April 23, 1838. One of her four children by her first marriage, Laurens Louisa Watson, married James Kincaid Vance, John's nephew. John and Nancy had one daughter, Mary Alpha. She married Francis Marion Godbold, who would later marry Sarah Bell, daughter of John's brother, David. Nancy died October 9, 1869. Mother and daughter are buried in the Vance-Godbold burying ground near Greenwood as are other Vance family members. John remarried to Newela Hodges who outlived him. It is not known where John Vance is buried.

**11. Larkin Vance** was born October 20, 1806, and died March 8, 1809.

12. James Washington Vance (February 12, 1809 - October 26, 1868) would be the first Vance to move from South Carolina to Bossier Parish. He would be the only one of Nathaniel's children to move to Louisiana.

13. Joseph Harrison ("Harp") Vance (July 8, 1813 - August 7, 1889) was born 8 months and 4 days after the death of his father. Harp never married and can be found in various census reports living with different family members. He told the story that he was plowing when he was brought word of the death of his bachelor brother, Nathaniel Carr. He said he unhitched his mule, threw away his plow stock and never plowed again. He invested his inheritance in slaves and found himself without property when his slaves were freed. Harp received another bequest when another wealthy bachelor brother, James Washington Vance, died in 1868. He became a partner in a large mercantile firm. When this firm went broke, he again found himself without property. Harp said that all he saved from this venture were two horses and both soon died. He is referred to as J. H. Harrison Vance in his brother Allen's will. This suggests the possibility that Joseph's second name may have been Harper, thus the nickname, "Harp." Joseph Harrison Vance is said to be buried without a marker in the Vance-Godbold burying ground.

A combination of factors occurred which must have drawn the first Vance to the Red River country of Northwest Louisiana in 1840. Existing conditions up to that time hindered extensive settlement. Over one million acres of land on the west side of the Red River belonged to the Caddo Indian Tribe. A huge log jam known as the Great Raft blocked navigation on the river from above Natchitoches to miles above what is presently Shreveport. This placed Natchitoches at the edge of the frontier from the more settled South Louisiana. Northwest Louisiana was being populated slowly by hardy frontiersmen, but river transport essential to large scale planting and commerce was minimal. The Red River valley with its fertile silt deposits had great potential for agriculture. However, overflowing and flooding caused by the Great Raft discouraged planting.

In 1833, Captain Henry Miller Shreve, having been commissioned to do so by the U.S. Government, began clearing the raft from the river. Navigation to a functional degree was attained by 1838. Upon return of the river to its natural banks and confinement by a series of levees, the river plain invited cultivation. The Caddo Tribe ceded its lands to the United States Government in 1835. Large tracts of Government land were made available at auction on both sides of the river, and the river port and trade center town of Shreveport was established in 1837. The resulting influx of arrivals from the trans-Mississippi states rapidly accelerated settlement of the area.

The Vances were planters and acquired plantations along the east side of the Red River between Shreveport on the west bank and Benton in Bossier Parish and in the area of present day Plain Dealing, up river from Benton. The Vances who relocated to Bossier Parish were with few exceptions young, single men seeking to make their fortunes.

The first of Nathaniel Vance's line to come to Louisiana was Dr. James Washington Vance. He is known to have arrived in then Claiborne Parish in 1840 (Bossier Parish was not created

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from a portion of Claiborne until 1843). Washington or "Wash" as he was called was born February 12, 1809, one of the last born of the union of Nathaniel and Mary McTier Vance. Although a doctor, Washington, like the other Vances, was a planter and listed himself as such on census reports. The dual occupation of doctor/planter was common and was an obvious advantage to large slave owners. Dr. Vance, a bachelor, acquired considerable wealth during his lifetime. He purchased land both from the U.S. Government and from James B. Gilmer and others. His plantation holdings amounted to some 4,000 acres at the time of his death. Dr. Wash died at the Buck Hall Plantation home of his nephew, Dr. Samuel W. Vance, October 26, 1868. It is unfortunate that no obituary, eulogy, or other sketch can be found which records some detail of Wash's life or personality. William Scanland, editor of the *Bossier Banner*, noted upon his death "We regret to learn of the death of Dr. J. Wash Vance, an estimable citizen of this parish, who died last Tuesday at his residence, near Benton." Dr. Vance asked in his will that all his just debts be paid and that a suitable and appropriate monument be erected over his grave. A suitable, but unpretentious, granite slab marks his grave in the Plain Dealing cemetery.

The first record we have of Allen Vance's presence in Bossier Parish is his sale of slaves to Isaac Lay recorded in the parish conveyance book on January 6, 1849. On December 24, 1850, Allen bought 1,157 acres of land from Judge William K. Beck for the sum of \$11,000. This property combined with land purchased from the U.S. Government totaled 1,595 acres and joined the Riverside Plantation of his younger brother, Dr. Wash Vance. The 1860 Bossier Parish census enumerator lists the next resident to Dr. Vance on his route as W. R. Crabtree, age 31--agent for Allen Vance. The plantation was known as the Allen Vance Plantation during his lifetime.

Dr. Samuel Whitfield Vance, called Whitfield, was the next to make the move to Bossier Parish. However, this part of the Vance story cannot be told without developing the background of another family with whom the Vances had strong family and business ties--the Gilmers. Plain Dealing and Vanceville evolved through the Gilmer-Vance connection.

The Gilmer family were true pioneers to the area. George O. and his eldest son, James B. Gilmer, were large property owners in Georgia and Alabama. An adventurous spirit and a vision of large scale agricultural development of a virgin region brought these men to northwest Louisiana in 1839. They found a fertile, well watered upland area a few miles back from the Red River in the area of present day Plain Dealing. George and James bought from the U.S. Government 5,000 acres each; the father calling his plantation Plain Dealing and his son calling his acquisition, just to the south, Orchard Place.

The Gilmers, known for their integrity, hospitality, and resourcefulness, prospered and expanded their holdings. The four children of George and Martha Gilmer were James B., Mary E., Sarah M. (Sallie), and George E. Gilmer.

James Blair Gilmer, although only 47 years old when he died in 1856, was the owner of several of the largest plantations in northwest Louisiana. He first married a cousin, Eliza Lewis Gilmer, who died in Montgomery, Alabama, before the family moved to Louisiana. They had

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three daughters; Mary Boutwell, Martha George, and Eliza Lewis Gilmer. Mr. Gilmer remarried to the very wealthy Mrs. Paulina DeGraffenreid Pickett, widow of James Belton Pickett, one of the founders of Shreveport. When they divorced, it required an act of the legislature to untangle ownership of their acreage and slaves. After the divorce, James went to Cuba to start a sugar plantation and died of yellow fever shortly after arriving there.

Samuel Whitfield Vance was a 22-year old student in the household of his parents, David and Matilda Vance, in Laurens County in 1850. We know that he completed his medical schooling and removed to Bossier Parish in 1852. On December 12, 1854, he married Mary Boutwell Gilmer. He no doubt met Miss Gilmer through his Uncle Wash's long association with Mary's father, James B. Gilmer. The first child born to the Vances was a boy, James Blair Gilmer Vance, born September 14, 1856. Sarah Eliza (Sallie) was born November 4, 1858.

Whitfield's wife, Mary, died of "heart disease" October 15, 1859. The 1860 census finds little James and "Mary" living with their Aunt, Martha Gilmer, in the next residence to Samuel. Dr. Vance must have regretted that they had not named their first daughter after his beloved wife.

S. Whitfield Vance then married the widow, Mrs. Sallie James Gayle, a first cousin in the Gilmer line of his first wife. They had three children and did indeed name the first child of this marriage Mary Boutwell Gilmer Vance. The other two, both boys, were named Samuel Whitfield, Jr. and James Washington Vance.

James B. G. Vance, Dr. Vance's son from his first marriage died in 1864. He is identified as Jimmie B. G. on his headstone. His resting place is a family section of the present Plain Dealing Cemetery. This was the old Gilmer, now to be Gilmer-Vance, burying ground. The cemetery is located one block north of the old homesite of George O. and Martha Gilmer on the outskirts of Plain Dealing. The old home was occupied by Dr. S. W. and Mary Vance during their marriage. The George O. Gilmer home was destroyed by fire in 1888.

Joseph Potiller and Thomas Jefferson Vance were the sons of Robert S. and Nancy M. Vance of Laurens County, S.C. Early census reports indicate that Robert was the son of Samuel Vance who was a brother of Nathaniel Vance. This would make Robert a first cousin to Allen and Dr. Wash Vance. This might help explain the circumstances of J. P. and Tom's presence in Bossier Parish prior to the Civil War.

Joseph was a 31-year old overseer for George E. Gilmer on his Collinsburg area plantation, near present-day Plain Dealing, in 1860. J. P. accumulated property of his own through periodic purchases in and around Plain Dealing. He never married.

Thomas Vance graduated from Jefferson Medical College in Philadelphia in 1858. Young Dr. Vance was present in Bossier Parish when the currents of impending war were felt in northwest Louisiana in late 1860. He attended a public meeting in the parish seat of Bellevue on December 8, 1860, to discuss affairs of state regarding secession. Judge William M. Burns was

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chairman and T. J. Vance one of the secretaries. From many such meetings throughout the state, rivulets of secessionist sentiment flowed and joined together to deliver another state into the Confederacy.

Seven Bossier Parish companies were formed in support of the Confederate cause. A few Bossier residents sought to get into action sooner by joining Shreveport and Caddo Parish companies. Tom enlisted in the Caddo Rifles and George E. Gilmer joined the Shreveport Greys. George saw hard fighting with Stonewall Jackson's Corps and was killed at Sharpsburg in Maryland (Antietam). His body was never recovered, but an impressive monument was erected in his memory in the family cemetery.

Tom Vance was 26 and single when he enlisted as a private in the Caddo Rifles (Co. A, 1st La Reg) on April 21, 1861. He was promoted to Assistant Surgeon January 13, 1863, at which time he was transferred from the regiment and assigned as Assistant Surgeon, 12th Virginia Infantry. Tom was captured at Gettysburg on July 4, 1863, sent to Fort McHenry, Maryland, and was exchanged November 21st of that year. He was reported present for duty with field and staff, 16th Virginia Infantry, August 31, 1864. Tom Vance surrendered with General Lee and was paroled at Appomattox April 9, 1865.

Joseph P. Vance enlisted in the Marks Guards (Co. B, 28th La Reg) January 20, 1863. He was captured in heavy fighting in the Battle of Irish Bend on Bayou Teche outside of Franklin, Louisiana, on April 14, 1863. He was exchanged and paroled home in August 1863. J. P. then joined the just formed Bossier Guards (Co. H, 8th La Reg, Cav). He survived to return home after the war. Two of J. P. and Tom's younger brothers, Robert and Henry, died in the Civil War.

Of the six companies formed in Bossier Parish which saw action in the Civil War, the second to depart was the Vance Guards (Co. A, 19th La Reg). The Guards was organized in Bellevue August 17, 1861, with R. W. Turner as captain and E. C. Andrews, A. B. Broughton, and M. C. Cavett, lieutenants. No Vances served in the unit.

The day before their departure, a barbecue was given the Guards at Bellevue. Miss Lizzie Dickson presented the company with a flag and a patriotic salutation. In part she impassioned, "Officers and soldiers of the Vance Guards, you have every incentive to action! Bearing the name of one of our most patriotic and loyal citizens; animated by the justness of your cause; cheered by the prayers and kind wishes of your mothers and sisters, can you fail? No! Never! Never!! Never!!!"

History apparently has not settled with a certainty for whom the Vance Guards was named. One manner by which local companies were raised was through financing by large property or business owners. The unit thus benefited often elected to incorporate the name of its benefactor into its discretionary name designation. Dr. Wash Vance and Dr. Whitfield Vance, as well as Allen Vance, each had a big stake in the success of the Confederacy. Each had more than eighty slaves and large plantations in Bossier Parish. It is not likely that it was Allen, who did not reside in Louisiana and is said to have financed a company in Greenwood, S.C.



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The historian, John Turner Manry, in his writings credits Samuel Whitfield Vance as the Vance Guards' namesake. Dr. Whitfield certainly had the means and motive to have sponsored the company. He demonstrated his sentiment by joining as a lieutenant in January 1861, the Red River Volunteers, a pre-war forerunner in the evolution of Bossier Civil War companies. Whitfield, for whatever reason, employed a substitute in lieu of enlisting into the Confederate forces.

An article appearing in a 1973 issue of the *Pelican Reb News* attributes the Guards' namesake. The article entitled "Manry Tells History of the Vance Guards" quotes the presentation speech of Lizzie Dickson. The author has inserted "(Dr. J. W. Vance)" after the phrase "Bearing the name of one of our most patriotic citizens." The author and editor of the *Pelican Reb News* was local historian, John Ardis Manry, son of J. T. Manry.

It would seem that the Vance Guards was named for Dr. Whitfield Vance based on the credibility of historian, J. T. Manry. Mr. Manry resided in Bossier Parish while Whitfield was yet living and he knew his own uncle, Judge Richard W. Turner, who was the first to serve as captain of the Guards.

The Vance Guards suffered heavy losses early in the war at Shiloh and again later at Chickamauga and Missionary Ridge. They surrendered at Meridian, Mississippi, May 8, 1865.

(Larri Jo Jennings is descended from Allen Vance.)

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NATHANIEL VANCE HOME



Nathaniel Vance's South Carolina family home was located on paved road 560 between Cross Hill and Kinards (Kinards), in Laurens County. The house was built in 1810 and torn down in 1977. A frame house on a small plot now occupies the old house site. It was recently sold from the surrounding estate by the Vance/Satterwhite descendants who still own the quite vast acreage. The old Vance burying ground is located to the west-rear of the house within sight of the road. It is just inside the wood line near the bottom of the long slope, and occupies a low hill overlooking a little creek. Susan Satterwhite Sexton resides nearby on the property.

Thanks to John Geary, Larry Hunt, Julia Perry, Wylene Taft, Michael Bruce Vance and Louis Morris for sharing their research on this line.

## *Follow Up From Associate Historian - Mary Norfleet*

Dear Kathleen,

I know that I scanned the last two Newsletters, but hadn't had much opportunity to read them in depth. I was reading Grace's article on William Blackburn, (April Newsletter) when the name Cusick jumped out at me, then on the next page-- Kathleen's Korner, the name, Cresswell. I remembered, when I was doing the article and map on the Wolfhill Suit (July issue), John Cusick of Blount County was one of the men to be deposed by John Vance for the trial. If you look at the map which accompanied the Wolfhill article, Henry Cresswell owned the land just above John Vance, later bought by John's son, James Vance, and where John & Jane Black Vance are buried! So, both Henry Cresswell and John Cusick were early Abingdon settlers. Also, a note about Grace's article on Wm. Blackburn--the Samuel Vance who married Mary Blackburn, was the son of John & Jane Black Vance. They were married in Knox County, TN, 31 Jan 1793; later moving to Edgar County, IL where Samuel died on 6 May 1856 and Mary died 1 May 1852, both in Paris, IL. (Paxton Link's manuscript)

Another part of Kathleen's Korner that attracted my attention--Samuel Evans and Ann Colville. Do you remember Robert Vance's letter to brother, Samuel, (Newsletter, Oct 1987) in which Robert refers to "Uncle Evans" and the letter was honored by Samuel Evans? Now we know why Samuel Evans was called uncle--Ann Colville Evans and Sarah Colville Vance have to be sisters. In the same article, John's letter to brother, Robert, that Samuel Colville is referred to as "Uncle Samuel Colville".

I think that I told you Holston Territory Genealogical Society was doing a series on the Paperville Presbyterian Church (Sullivan Co., TN). In Sept. 1995 issue, reprinted from 2nd part of Book B, Records of the Session in the Congregation at Paperville in which they divided the members of the congregation into districts: J. Owen's District: George Burkhart, George Thomas, Samuel Sells, Samuel Hampton, Michael Hampton, Casper Smith, **John Vance, Senr.**, William Beeler. In T. White's district: John Cox, **John Vance**, Ireson Longacre, George Hughes, John Gray, David Shaver, Jacob Booher, Andrew Boy, Edward--blackman of T. Morrel; dated May 21, 1825. This proves that both John Vance and his nephew, John Vance, belonged to the same church. John Sr. was one of the founding members, April, 1824; John & Mary King Vance joined on May 30 1824. Some of John & Mary King Vance's children were baptized in the church: Leander on 18 Sep 1824; Andrew Morrison (named after the first minister of the church) on 14 May 1827; Elizabeth Sharp on 8 Apr 1831 and oldest daughter, Margaret Vance, joined the church on 2 Sep 1833. HTGS is still printing the records, 2 pages at a time, so may still turn up more information. One other note of interest, Samuel Sell's son, Samuel II married Elizabeth Vance, believed to be the daughter of David and granddaughter of John Sr./Sarah Marquis.

I am enclosing a group sheet from a letter I received from Ernest A. Grove, who is looking for information on his ancestors, Thomas & Sudney Lewis Vance. I looked through all past VFA issues and found nothing other than Thomas & Sudney's marriage record in Knox County, TN. When I was reading Paxson Link's manuscript on Samuel & Mary Blackburn Vance, it occurred to me that there are some similarities with Thomas & Sudney Lewis Vance. Both married in Knox County, TN, both tied to the Blackburns (4 of Thomas & Sudney's children married Blackburns.) and both presumably left Tennessee (Knox Co?) at about the same time. In Paxton Link's manuscript, he states that a Robert Vance and others of the group traveling with Samuel Vance stayed in Jennings County, Indiana. (I don't know if this has been proven.) Possibly, Thomas traveled in this same group and settled in Crawford Co., IN. Another thought, Thomas & Sudney's oldest son is named George G. Vance--could be after Thomas' father. Remember that Margaret Webb found the deed witnessed by a George Vance in Blount County in 1802. Also, we have our mysterious George, who delivered the letter from John/ Sarah Marquis to his brother, Robert in PA in 1786.

If indeed there is some link between Samuel/Mary Blackburn Vance and Thomas/Sudney Lewis Vance, what is the relationship? Something else I forgot to mention, note that Thomas & Sudney's 2nd son is named John L. Vance, possibly after Sudney's father--John Lewis? There are several references to a John Lewis in the **History of Southwest Virginia 1746-1786 Washington County 1777-1870** by Lewis Preston Summers. Would like your thoughts.

Sincerely,  
Mary Norfleet

***VANCE BURYING GROUND, Lauren's County, S.C.***  
***Family and Descendants of Nathaniel Vance (1025) & Mary Dunbar McTier (1026)***

*Originally reported in July 1991 newsletter.*

Nine old stones - illegible

Sarah Cole, daughter of Nathaniel and Mary Vance, May 19, 1796 - December 6, 1827

Nathaniel Vance, Sr., died November 4, 1812 - age 50 years

Mary D. Vance, October 6, 1769 - 11 November 1846

Richard S. Satterwhite, January 22, 1824 - August 14, 1886

Susan C. Satterwhite, wife of R. S. Satterwhite, October 3, 1833 - August 12, 1879

Mary Frances Emily, daughter of David and Sarah Vance, died October 13, 1831, age 2 years and 20 days

Marcus Augustus, son of David and Sarah Vance, died January 25, 1828, age 2 years, 6 months, 10 days

Sarah Edrington Vance, consort of David Vance, died October 6, 1833, age 33 years, 4 months

Elizabeth Adaline Vance, daughter of David and Sarah, died July 13, 1835, age years, 11 months, 23 days

David McDuffie Vance, son of David and Sarah Vance, died May 21, 1855, age 21 years, 7 months and 21 days

William Mc Vance, March 6, 1792 - April 17, 1836 (age 44)

Nathaniel Washington Mc Vance, September 24, 1835 Jan. 21, 1838

Six old stones - Illegible

Emma Florence, daughter of R. S. and S. C. Satterwhite, Sept. 9, 1858 - December 23, 1872

Washington Vance, son of R. S. and S. C. Satterwhite, August 16, 1869 - April 30, 1872

Eliza V. Rudd, born February 14, 1854, died aged 1 months, 17 days

W. T. L. Rudd, April 1, 1849 - October 13, 1851

John C. Rudd, September 6, 1851 - July 14, 1852

Eliza A. Rudd, September 28, 1829 - April 21, 1854

Nathaniel Carr Vance, February 9, 1798 - March 12, 1846

Harrison Vance, March 9, 1846 - November 2, 1872

Samuel Vance, March 19, 1789 - July 13, 1868

David Vance, March 1, 1794 - January 6, 1871

Matilda Tinsley Vance, June 12, 1816 - March 2, 1865

William Vance, 1841 - 1863

Infant son of David and Matilda Vance, March 10 to April 10, 1862

John Addison Vance, February 10, 1823 - February 2, 1857

*'On the right of the road, about 3 miles below Kinards, on the Kindards - Cross Hill Highway. It is on a low hill overlooking a creek and in sight of the road.'*

Source: 'Family Cemeteries, Laurens County S.C.' Volume 2, by Col James Leland Bolt and Margaret E. Bolt.

**John C. Vance and Abraham Lincoln**  
Research by Lee Vance Woerdeman

**Abraham Lincoln: The Prairie Years** by Carl Sandburg tells of Abraham Lincoln having sessions with Mentor Graham, the local schoolmaster, who told him of a grammar at John C. Vance's, six miles from New Salem, Sangamon County, Illinois. Lincoln walked the six miles to John C. Vance's and brought back the book, burned pine shavings at night in the Onstot cooper shop to light Samuel Kirkham's **English Grammar**. (P. 26)

Abraham Lincoln was appointed postmaster at New Salem, Sangamon County, Illinois on May 7, 1833. As postmaster, Lincoln was free to read newspapers before delivering them. Lincoln found excitement at times in reading the speeches made in Congress at Washington as reported in full in the **Congressional Globe** subscribed for by John C. Vance. It was no pleasure for him to write later to the publishers, Blair & Rives, "Your subscriber at this place John C. Vance, is dead; and no person takes the paper from the office." (P. 34)

The Illinois Regional Archives Depository found a file for John C. Vance of Sangamon County, State of Illinois who died intestate on or about the 8th day of October 1835. Enoch Estep was appointed administrator of the estate November 26, 1835.

James Estep charged the estate of John C. Vance five dollars for one coffin. Enoch Estep, administrator, sold at public vendue, 12 acres of standing corn, 20 head of hogs and 3 acres of hay being cut and stacked. No property or heirs were shown.

From Sandburg's references in the book, it is obvious that John C. Vance was an educated individual. Does anyone have further information on John C. Vance and can you place him with any family?

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In the book, **Descendants From First Families of Virginia and Maryland** by Maude Crowe, the entire passenger list from the ship *Supply* in 1620 lists the following families: Chase, Chenoweth, Co(a)le, Comer, Crow(e), Ford, Garrett, Ha(i)le, Hall, Isenberg, King, Lane, Miller, McPhatridge, Range, Shipley, Stone, **Vance**, Williams, Yokely and more. Does anyone have further information on which Vance family might have come on the ship *Supply*?

Submitted by Bobby Vance from **Our Heritage**, San Antonio, Texas.



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Pennsylvannia

In reference to Bruce Vance's Fayette County Deed article in the April 1996 newsletter, Phyllis Vance Worrall sent the following letter:

April 2, 1996

Dear Bruce;

I noticed your comments in the recent VFA newsletter about the use of "Spanish milled dollars" as acceptable payment for land.

You have probably read about the Whiskey Rebellion in western Pennsylvania about 1792.

Actually, the people of western Pennsylvania, were trading with the Spanish territories prior to the Revolutionary War.

The Montour Presbyterian Church has a record of Robert Vance and other members agreeing to pay their minister 200 bushels of wheat per year, to be sold in New Orleans at no cost to the minister.

Isaac Vance in 1788 wrote a petition asking Congress to establish a new state to be called West Sylvania or some other suitable name, so the people living "west of the Laurel Ridge" could have ready access to courts for the transaction of their legal business. The petition explains the distance in time and miles from the legal system of Philadelphia. This petition was signed by about 300 men and is now on file in the Library of Congress.

Although only two trading trips a year were possible to New Orleans, goods were cheaper and more readily available from the Spanish territories than from Philadelphia until after 1800. Payment was in hard coin, an extremely scarce item in the west.

The people of western Pennsylvania felt isolated from the eastern government, and were moving west and south. Settlers from that area were moving down the Ohio river to what is now Illinois and Kentucky as early as 1760.

The so called Whiskey Rebellion was not brought about by the simple tax on whiskey. That was the straw that broke the camels back, and was the culmination of the isolation from the eastern establishment.

Common practice at that time was to scrape metal from coins, decreasing the weight of metal, a variation of counterfeiting. Milling the edge of coins prevented that practice, hence the "Milled Spanish Dollars."

The only reason the rebellion ended was because George Washington accompanied the troops from New Jersey, and the rebels refused to fight against "our General"

Eventually a government Mint was Established, and American coins and currency became the accepted method of exchange. Until then, local banks, trading companies and individual States issued their own currency, and pounds Sterling and Spanish coins were also accepted. our terms of two bits, four bits, six bits, a dollar were divisions of Spanish dollars into change.

Signed: Phyllis

CATALOG OF JOHN VANCES IN PENNSYLVANIA

Compiled by Jan Francis

- 1734, 14 July - Will of John Vance, which was probated 25 July, 1734, lists wife Mary and children Hugh, George, and Jean. Executors were Jared Graham and Charles Vance.  
(from *Lancaster County Will Abstracts 1721-1820*, p. 1051 and p. 1054)
- 1750, 24 April - John Vance of Reading Township signed a petition concerning the location of a road from Reading Twp. into York in newly-formed York County. (See copy from *Special Publication of South Central Pa Genealogical Society*). Also on 30 October, 1759 there is an allusion to a 150 acre tract originally granted in Reading Township to John Vance and Daniel Hare on 1 April, 1751. It shows John Reinier as a neighbor. (from *Alquire's York County Pa Deeds 1749-1758, Vol I*) Is this the John Vance of Reading Township (in present Adams County) who in 1777 was named executor of the will of Adam Vance? (see note below)
- 1753 - John Vance was in Guilford Township (now Franklin, then Cumberland County).  
(from *Fralisch's Cumberland County Archives Abstracts, Book E*, pp. 28-29)
- 1754, 15 February - Will of John Vance, which was probated 25 March, 1754 mentions no wife and children. Executor is his sister Margery of Sadsbury Township. Brother and remaining sister are Matthew Vance and Naley Smith. (from *Lancaster County Will Abstracts*, p. 1052)
- 1757 - John Vance of York County died. Letters of administration were issued to Grace Vance.
- 1762 - John Vance was listed along with Ezekiel in Menallin Township on tax roll and was still there in 1771. Menallin Township adjoins present Cumberland County.
- 1769 - John Vance, son of Patrick and Sarah Taylor Vance, was born in Cumberland County, possibly the in the area that later became Franklin County. Sarah Taylor Vance was a sister of Hugh Taylor whose will probated 1 February, 1782, shows that he had an additional sister Elizabeth, who had married a Vance, and a sister Jane, wife of **Josiah Watson**. A bequest was also made to **Hugh McKee** and **James McKee, Sr.** is an executor. The wife of John Vance who died in 1784 was Elizabeth as listed below. If this was not previously known, I believe we can accept that the wives of Patrick and John Vance of Chambersburg were Taylor sisters. (see copy of Taylor will from *Abstracts from Cumberland County Wills*)



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- 1773, 9 January - Date of will of John Vance that was probated 20 August, 1773. Executor was William Griffin. Siblings were Jean, Elizabeth, Agness, and Samuel. No wife or children listed. (from Will Book C, p. 176, found in *York Will Abstracts*, p.554) Is this the John who is supposed to have an additional brother William?
- 1773, 13 May - John Vance born. He died 11 June, 1849 at Newville, Cumberland County. He was a contemporary of children of Adam Vance. (from J. Zeemar files, Cumberland County newspapers)
- 1777, 6 December - John Vance and Benjamin Armstrong were administrators for Adam Vance of Cumberland Township. [See p. 90, July 1994 NL for spouse and children.]
- 1781 - John Vance, Donegal Township, Washington County Tax List. [See p. 19, January 1990 NL.]
- 1784, 8 September - John Vance of Reading Township, York County, named his widow Grace and children. [See p. 90, July 1994 NL.]
- 1784, 9 December - Will of John Vance, husband of Elizabeth, was probated in Cumberland County. Executors were wife and Matthew Wilson. (from *Fralisch*) [See p. 114, July 1994 NL for children.]
- 1785 - John Vance (son of David, d. 1768) was on Hopewell Township, Washington County Tax List with brothers David and Joseph.
- 1796 - 13 August - John Vance died (probably in Washington County). Father of Isaac, Hannah and John. (from Isaac Vance/Mary Cotton Bible)
- 1806, 17 October - John Vance, Jr., was named as son-in-law in will of George McCullough. McCullough was a resident of Lancaster County and was husband of Isabella (see connections and errata for legatees of will). The son of John Vance, Sr. of Chambersburg, apparently a different John Vance, Jr., married Margaret, daughter of Robert McCullough, and that John's sister Mary also married a George McCullough before 1793. Is this the George McCullough, Jr./Mary Vance alliance mentioned in the Lancaster county will or just a coincidence? All of these offspring should be of the same generation as James Alexander Vance. Looking back at the first John Vance in this list, who may have been grandfather to one of these Johns, note the names George and Hugh which appear regularly in the McCullough family.

A SEARCH OF AREA HISTORIES  
by Walt Vinson

From "Goodspeed" to "Curtis Media," the past hundred years has brought hundreds of volumes devoted to area histories and family genealogies. Single editors or committees have collected the information and relayed it to the publishing company and with their expertise they layout and publish the volume. The validity of the information is borne by the local collectors. This comes from research of legal documents, newspaper accounts and family traditions. If the family traditions have skeletons in the closet it is human nature to dress them in their best clothes. If such a book is from eighty to ninety percent accurate it will surely provide leads worthy of deeper research.

My VANCE line migrated to Texas from Trousdale County Tennessee at the turn of the century. There was little information to cement my Tennessee heritage except the 1880 US census. In 1990 Curtis Media published a "Trousdale County Tennessee History." The publisher was kind enough to tell me, "the book contained a VANCE genealogy and specifically mentioned Thomas Jefferson VANCE and Willie Margaret Roulston," my great grand parents.

On purchasing the book I discovered one line read, "Thomas Jefferson VANCE married Willie Margaret Roulston and moved to Texas." This one line was surrounded by many lines enumerating the VANCES who stayed in Tennessee, including his father and grand father. To me this one article was worth the price of the book and yet there was more.

There were other families listed, the ALEXANDERS, LEATHs, down to the ZEE family and dozens more. Interspersed among these family histories were VANCES and collateral lines not mentioned in the VANCE genealogy but relationships were often specified.

I learned two great lessons from the book. (1) Do not depend on the Index. Men and their machines make mistakes and omissions. (2) If you have a valid connection with the area read the entire book. The genealogies are rarely coordinated. They are recorded as narrated and collateral lines may see a specific event with different or additional facts and opinions. I have also read the "Stewart County Tennessee History" and "Rowan County, North Carolina by Jethro Rumble. Both lessons still applied.

We normally think of only the rich and influential as being recorded in history but these books also list tradesmen and farmers. None of the VANCES were highly educated or held office but history remembers them.

When you establish a connection with a geographic area find as many histories as you can. Even if it does not name your relatives it can help you understand their time and situation. Any deeper understanding is an aid in your research.

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***Vance Marriage Records from Wayne County, West Virginia - Late 1800's***

Shannon B. Murphy, POB 1264, Huntington, WV 25714 submitted the following and notes she is available for research.

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|-----------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|
| A Vance 22<br>A and S Vance                   | Haker Vance 19<br>M and P Vance                 | Monterville Vance 21<br>Anderson and Sarah Vance | Wm M Vance 19<br>Attison and M Vance            |
| M Jordan 16<br>D and T J Jordan               | Eliz Hensley 18<br>S and M Hensley              | Rhoda Marshall. 18<br>Lewis and Eliz Marshall    | Nancy Chinn 21<br>Wm H and Eliz Chinn           |
| J Adkins<br>3/27/1878                         | James Queen<br>10/29/1868                       | J Adkins<br>10/29/1879                           | Wm H Fraley<br>3/28/1885                        |
| Alexander Vance 30<br>Absolem and Nancy Vance | Jacob Vance 19                                  | Paris S Vance 30                                 | Wm Vance 21<br>Polly Vance and Lewis<br>McCloud |
| Ida N Blair 16<br>JC and Ellen Blair          | Ellen Vance 15                                  | Eliz A Dingess 22<br>2/16/1895                   | Cleary McCloud 21<br>Hugh and Mahalia Kirk      |
| James Burns<br>10/15/1887                     | I Workman<br>3/29/1894                          | Parris W Vance 22                                |                                                 |
| Attison Vance 21                              | Jas Vance 25<br>R and H Vance                   | Rachel Williamson 16                             | James Queen<br>11/27/1869                       |
| Luevana Caldwell 22                           | Mary A Lewis 17<br>Parker and E Lewis           | JM Marcum<br>11/28/1896                          | Amos Browning 22                                |
| J Hardwick<br>10/9/1889                       | CS Alemond<br>3/24/1874                         | Wayne Vance 20                                   | Tennessee Vance 23<br>Isaac Markam<br>7/17/1894 |
| Daniel Vance 19<br>AJ and Rebecca Vance       | Jas Vance 25<br>P and N Vance                   | Frances Mayes 23<br>7/30/1897                    | Columbus Lloyd 23                               |
| Hannah Workman 20<br>AB and Fanny Workman     | MA Lewis 17<br>Patrick and E Lewis<br>3/24/1874 | Wm R Vance 18                                    | Sarah Vance 17                                  |
| James Queen<br>4/29/1887                      | John Vance 23<br>Paris and Nancy Vance          | Richard and Mattie Vance                         | ET Wooton<br>3/22/1895                          |
| Darby K Vance 27<br>Richard and Mattie Vance  | Lucia Lewis 20<br>Parker and E Lewis            | Nancy Kirk 29<br>Thos and Rebecca Kirk           | FC Lloyd 39                                     |
| Mary A Marcum 15<br>JM and Eliz Marcum        | Chas S Allen<br>2/18/1874                       | James Queen<br>12/7/1868                         | Mendiana Vance 27                               |
| JH Marcum<br>9/29/1869                        | John T Vance 42                                 | Wm Vance 19                                      | Eli Wooton<br>9/18/1890                         |
| Marion Vance 23                               | Mary J Porter 38                                | Matilda J Vance 15                               | Chas Tipton 24                                  |
| Marinda Perry 25<br>6/17/1892                 | James Queen<br>1/18/1894                        | James Queen<br>3/9/1894                          | Vicy Vance 26                                   |
|                                               |                                                 |                                                  | JD Garrett<br>7/27/1895                         |

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MASSACHUSETTS 1880 SOUNDINDEX CARDS

SURNAME: VANCE

1)  
Vance, Elizabeth                      vol. 22 e.d. 497  
                                                 sheet 3 line 11

W. Female age 32 b. Nova Scotia  
Norfolk Co. Foxborough

Vance, Francis Edward Sister age 12 b. Nova Scotia  
" , Mary Estella NR age 9 b. Nova Scotia

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2)  
Vance, John W.                      vol. 3 e.d. 65  
                                                 sheet 5 line 20

W. Male age 44 b. England  
Bristol Co. Dighton

Vance, Martha wife age 43 b. Nova Scotia  
" , Mary A. dau. age 21 b. Nova Scotia  
" , Emma E. dau. age 19 b. Nova Scotia  
" , Robert R. Son age 18 b. Nova Scotia  
" , John W. Son age 15 b. Nova Scotia  
" , Ella R. dau. age 11 b. Massachusetts  
" , Abbie A. dau. age 8 b. Massachusetts

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3)  
Vance, Margaret J.                      vol. 34 e.d. 843  
                                                 sheet 13 line 46

W. female age 50 b. Nova Scotia  
Worcester Co. Clinton

Vance, Albert W. son age 7 b. Massachusetts  
" , Charles E. son age 5 b. Massachusetts  
" , Mary J. dau. age 3 b. Massachusetts  
" , Elizabeth dau. age 10 b. Massachusetts  
" , Hattie dau. age 9 b. Massachusetts

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4)  
Vance, Mary Estella                      vol. 22 e.d. 497  
                                                 sheet 3 line 13

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W. Female age 9 b. Nova Scotia  
Norfolk Co. Foxborough  
enumerated with: Vance, Elizabeth  
relationship to above: Not reported

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5)  
Vance, Patrick vol. 18 e.d. 423  
sheet 49 line 9

W. Male age 41 b. Nova Scotia  
Middlesex Co. Woburn  
Brud's Place

Vance, Elizabeth wife, age 48 b. Nova Scotia  
" , Alfred son age 9 b. Nova Scotia  
" , Eliza Ann dau. age 7 b. Nova Scotia

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6)  
Vance, William vol. 24 e.d. 557  
sheet 42 line 46

W. Male age 43 b. Massachusetts  
Plymouth co. Arlington

Vance, Marie L. wife age 38 b. Massachushtts  
" , Willie M. son age 9 b. Mass.  
" , Carlton S. son age 2 b. Mass.

END OF MASSACHUSETTS CARDS

Research of Paul Weckle

(More Soundex records later)

Part 2  
BODY-SNATCHING FOR THE MEDICAL SCHOOLS

Notes of Dr. Ap Morgan Vance  
Submitted by his grandson Samuel L. Vance

Before relating the last of the body-snatching experiences I had, I will mention a story or two that I have heard from others: The first of these explains the reason why the laws of Indiana are so stringent against body-snatching. It happened that some twenty years ago it was discovered that the grave of a nephew of Benj. Harrison, then Governor of Indiana, had been desecrated. Mr. Harrison was determined if possible to recover the body. Upon investigation he found that in all probability it had been taken to Cincinnati from Indianapolis and commenced search of the different medical college buildings there in the effort to find the body of his nephew. The search seemed as if it would turn out to be futile as he could discover among the numerous cadavers none that resembled his nephew's body. Finally in the last room to be visited there was a door, and he asked the man who was taking him through what that was, and the man said that was the chute that went down to the dead room. The Governor ordered it opened, and when this was done there hung the body of his own father suspended by a rope from the neck! Upon his return home he saw that the laws of Indiana were made doubly stringent, and the crime of body-snatching there now is in its punishment almost equal to that of murder!

And this accounts in a degree for the very serious predicament in which several of my professional friends were placed some years later. Dr. W. E. Grant and Dr. J. Blackburn, and two negro attaches of the Kentucky School of Medicine, heard that there was some good material in the shape of a body recently buried in the New Albany cemetery. They were very scarce of dissecting material, and in my opinion somewhat inexperienced in the business, and foolishly went over across the river and interviewed the sexton of the city cemetery endeavoring to bribe him to allow them to obtain this body the following night. He apparently accepted the bribe, and these four men went over and opened the grave mentioned in the New Albany cemetery. Just as they had reached the coffin a body of men, many of whom were relatives of the corpse and who were in hiding, rushed upon them demanding that they throw up their hands. The youngest of the negroes, a mere boy, who possibly was a little slow in getting his hands up, was shot dead in his tracks. The others were captured and put in the New Albany jail. That night there was a mob gathered, and a lynching was very imminent in spite of everything, but by the strongest efforts on part of the officers of the law the prisoners were removed to the Jeffersonville penitentiary where they remained for a number of weeks. Finally they were allowed bail but had to be taken to New Albany and appear before a judge in the court house. A number of their professional friends went across the river and accompanied them as body guard from Jeffersonville to New Albany where they were admitted to bail. An immense mob of people packed the court house and the surrounding streets and it seemed that in spite of all that could be done these men

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would fall into the hands of the mob; but fortunately a party of their friends, all determined men, moved them with such rapidity that after bail was admitted we succeeded in getting them to the train which moved out at once and we brought them safely back to Kentucky. They were finally freed after the expenditure of quite a number of thousands of dollars!

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There is a story told by Prof. R. O. Cowling, who was the professor of surgery during my time at the University, that several years before whe was demonstrator of anatomy he crossed over to Indiana and robbed the grave of a convict, the burying ground being adjacent to the penitentiary which was located in that town. In order to get back to Louisville he had to wait for the ferry boat which left the Indiana shore at six o'clock in the morning. He had the convict's body in a trunk which was in a spring wagon. He and his helper crossed over to the Kentucky shore when they were arrested and the corpse found in their possession. They were taken to jail and after considerable to do were bailed out. Cowling, who was nothing if he was not dare-devilish, determined that as he had so much trouble getting the corpse that it should not escape him. The corpse was returned to Jeffersonville and placed in a church adjacent to the penitentiary to await action of the coroner it having become a coroner's case. Cowling the next night crossed over to Jeffersonville in a skiff, the second time stole the body out of the church, brought it over to the Kentucky side and finally dissected it!

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I mentioned that Dr. J. E. Renner was my predecessor as body-snatcher at the University: Dr. Renner graduated in the spring of 1877, and soon after settled in Indianapolis, Ind. He was a native German and a man of considerable ability. At the time I mention the common theory was that yellow fever was due to malaria, and that certain precautions in a prophylactic way would prevent one acquiring the disease. In 1878 the yellow fever broke out in the south and many volunteers went from other parts of the country to care for these stricken people. Among the first to volunteer was Dr. Renner, who being thoroughly imbued with the teachings of Dr. Theo. S. Bell, that dosing with quinine and sleeping on the third floor would prevent anyone from acquiring yellow fever, did not consider for a moment that there was any danger. Renner went to Memphis, Tenn. and worked hard for several weeks, but finally fell a victim to the disease. He had a room in the old Gayoso Hotel. After he was taken down with yellow fever a friend of his from Indianapolis went down to Memphis to act as his nurse. He nursed him for a number of days and Renner seemed to be convalescent. This friend then went up in a higher story of the hotel, to take some much needed sleep, and in a few hours returned to Dr. Renner's room which he found empty and in the process of being fumigated. He

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inquired what had become of Renner and was told that he had died. He asked where the body was and they told him it was in the dead house. He went immediately to the dead house and there found Dr. Renner not dead but alive, but he died in a very short time after being removed. He was there alive among numberless dead. I add this to show the curious fact that a man who had been a rather noted resurrectionist should die in the dead house. A monument has been built by the citizens of Indianapolis to the memory of Dr. Renner the yellow fever hero.

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In the latter part of October 1877 my body-snatching career was brought to a close in such a horrible way that I will make it the last of this series of body-snatching stories: As usual the "death angel" had left us a notification in her peculiar hieroglyphics that a black subject was waiting for us. At that time the vat at the University had become filled and we were taking the subjects to the Hospital School of Medicine situated in a different part of the town. This night was very inclement, dark, and the mud was very deep. We went out after twelve o'clock to the alms house, which was probably five or six miles from the city, found the marked grave and in it the body of a small negro woman. In the darkness it was difficult to make any very particular observations as to the age or condition of the cadaver. The only thing I remember is that the body seemed to be very dirty and rough, a scaly condition of the skin. There was no clothing on the corpse. This time two students, to satisfy their curiosity, was permitted to go along with Clint and myself. We doubled the corpse up as usual and put it in the gunny sack and brought it to town taking it to the Hospital School of Medicine. The dead room being in the rear of the college building we approached through the alley and knocked on the door expecting the janitor to open it and let us in. I will state here that the policemen in that part of the city were not as friendly as they might be since we did not know them, and it was very much more risky to carry bodies to the Hospital College in consequence of this than it was to take them to the University. We failed to arouse the janitor and I took the corpse on my shoulder and sneaked around the side of the college building to the front. There happened to be a gas light just across the street which made my movements perfectly apparent to anyone who was passing along at the time. I went around in front in order to get to a window which was low enough for me to raise if I happened to be lucky and find one unfastened, that I might throw the body inside. The window on the left side of the door was found unfastened, I pushed it up, lifted the body up to the window sill, the rope then came off the sack and the body slipped into the room in its nudity. It turned out that this was the Dean's office, and the janitor who the night before had been dead drunk found the body lying on the carpet in this office the next morning. Dr. Coomes who was the demonstrator of anatomy at that time in the Hospital College injected the body and placed it in the vat.



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I heard nothing more for forty-eight hours as to what became of the body, when Dr. Roberts who was my superior and demonstrator of anatomy in the University of Louisville came to me very much excited asking if I had any idea what was the matter with the woman whose body I had brought in the night before. I told him I did not know, but I remembered she seemed to be pretty dirty and the skin was rather scaly. He told me then that this woman had died of smallpox! Well, he said, what are we going to do about it. I replied that all we could do would be to take the body back and re-bury it. This I did when night came and awaited results. I used as a lap robe on these nightly expeditions an old fashioned blanket shawl in which was quilted a thick layer of cotton. It happened that the two students who went with us that night sat upon this shawl which was thrown over the sack containing the corpse. This shawl was taken back to the University and thrown into the cellar where we kept the shovels, rope, etc. The janitor's children the next day used it in their play. Eight days passed, and on the morning of the ninth day I felt very much out of sorts. On taking my temperature I found it registered 105° F. I left the class room and while passing along the street was met by Prof. Cowling, who, by the way, had had smallpox, and he stopped me and asked what was the matter. I told him I had a bad cold, but he said no I think it is something else and you had better come along with me. He took me back to the office of Dr. Roberts on Seventh & Walnut Streets where he stripped me and finally told me that I had a case of smallpox. I then went to my home in New Albany, Ind. and passed through an everyday active attack of varioloid. On my return seventeen days afterward the class was having a condolence meeting over one of its members who had died at his home in Daviess County of smallpox. It turned out that forty men of this class had smallpox, five of whom died! And even to this day if you inquire of almost any colored person who is badly pock-marked "When did you have smallpox," the answer will almost invariably be, "Why doan you rekmember when dem stujints down at Eighth & Chestnut had de smallpox? I did de washin fer some of dem stujints, an all of us cullud folks had de smallpox!"

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The Internet News

August 28, 1996

Dear Kathleen,

Enclosed are the Vance references that I downloaded from the TN State Library and Archives. As I mentioned in my earlier e-mail, the library has indexed legislative actions for the period 1796-1830. Quoting from their webpage:

INTRODUCTION

*From the time Tennessee was a territory of the United States (1790 - 1796), its legislature has passed laws affecting the lives of its citizens. From acts legitimizing children to those granting divorces, from authorizing turnpikes & ferries to compensating a citizen for services rendered the government, the legislature has touched the lives of citizens in thousands of ways in its 200-plus years.*

*This name index to the Acts passed by the Tennessee legislature is intended to help provide access to this vast source of early Tennessee history & genealogy. Used in conjunction with the journals of proceedings of the Tennessee House and Senate, and the petitions of citizens to the legislature, the index can provide the means to interpret some of Tennessee's richest source material.*

*This index covers names in the first 33 volumes of the published Acts. The names of members of the legislature were not indexed. In index to the next group of volumes, which will cover from 1831 to 1850, is an ongoing project. It will be prepared as a separate index when completed.*

*The Acts, journals & petitions are on file at TSLA. A copy of an act can be obtained upon request; please include an SASE. Inquiries can be addressed to:*

*Tennessee State Library and Archives  
403 Seventh Avenue North  
Nashville, TN 37243-0312*

*615-741-2764 (Telephone)  
615-741-6471 (Fax)  
referenc@mail.state.tn.us (E-mail)*

*There is lots of other information on their website and I'd urge anyone who can to check it out. The URL (address) is:  
<http://www.state.tn.us/sos/statelib/pubsvs/intro.htm>.*

*I hope this helps someone.*

Sincerely,

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Historical and Genealogical Information

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ACTS OF TENNESSEE 1796 - 1830 : V  
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| Last Name | First Name | Date | Serial No. | Chapter & Section | Description                                       |
|-----------|------------|------|------------|-------------------|---------------------------------------------------|
| Vance     | Andrew     | 1827 | 32 Private | 159.12            | Red River bridge - lottery manager                |
| Vance     | David G.   | 1817 | 21         | 97.1              | Martin Academy Trustee                            |
| Vance     | David G.   | 1825 | 30         | 206               | Washington County - former Martin academy trustee |
| Vance     | James      | 1801 | 9          | 47.1              | Claims land in Grainger County                    |
| Vance     | James      | 1811 | 17         | 29                | Jackson County - Montpelier Academy trustee       |
| Vance     | James      | 1815 | 20         | 183.8             | Gainesborough commissioner                        |
| Vance     | James      | 1817 | 21         | 26.6              | Jackson County commissioner                       |
| Vance     | James      | 1826 | 31 Private | 30.3              | Owner of fish dam and trap                        |
| Vance     | Joseph     | 1798 | 7          | 16.6              | Blount & Sevier County votes counted at his house |
| Vance     | Joseph     | 1805 | 12         | 64.3              | Home site of meeting                              |
| Vance     | Joseph     | 1812 | 18         | 57.3              | Places of comparing election returns              |
| Vance     | Joseph     | 1819 | 22         | 69.5              | Home site of officers' meeting                    |
| Vance     | Lewis R.   | 1823 | 28         | 229               | An act for his relief                             |
| Vance     | Robert     | 1827 | 32 Private | 94.8              | Red River Bridge company                          |
| Vance     | Samuel     | 1809 | 16         | 35.1              | Palmyra commissioner                              |
| Vance     | Samuel     | 1819 | 23         | 64.2              | Red River Bridge Company director                 |
| Vance     | Samuel     | 1821 | 26         | 209               | Occupant land claim                               |
| Vance     | William K. | 1823 | 28         | 314.2             | Greeneville commissioner                          |
| Vance     | William K. | 1826 | 31 Private | 176.10            | Trustee of Greenville College                     |
| Vance     | William K. | 1827 | 32 Private | 126.1             | Greene County - Greenville female academy trustee |

## *Vance Heritage Trip Report*

July 29, 1996

Dear Kathleen,

My husband John and I have just returned from a trip to Scotland and when I called Samuel Vance to thank him for all the information he sent me he asked that I share all of this with you.

John and I were planning to go on the VFA tour to Scotland two years ago when I had a cancer operation and could not go. This year presented a perfect opportunity for us to go. I contacted Samuel Vance to ask him about the details of the trip two years ago. Samuel was gracious enough to send me his very detailed notes on the trip. So I set about to make arrangements for John and me to follow practically the same itinerary including staying at the same hotels.

Thanks to Samuel's notes and those who have gone before, John and I had a very successful trip. We started out in Edinburgh at the Carlton Highland Hotel which is right on the Royal Mile and then after a few days we rented a car and stayed at the Marine Hotel in New Berwick. There we saw Dirleton and Tantallon castles. I was very interested in Dirleton castle since I use Dirleton as the kennel name for the English Cocker Spaniels I breed and show. I was the driver and John was the photographer. I did my part of planning and driving, now we shall see how he did with his photography! I was particularly interested in getting good pictures for my sister and the rest of my family who may never get to go to Scotland.

We did make a side trip to England to visit with a breeder that I had imported a dog from two years ago. After that we returned to Scotland and stayed at Farlam Hall outside of Bampton. The accommodations were excellent in the quiet country setting. Our best meal was at the Marine Hotel in New Berwick. Outside of Bampton we visited Lanercost Priory and wandered through the cemetery. Here I wished for my sister since she is more adept at reading head stones than I am! Naworth Castle was not open to the public at the time we were there.

From Bampton we went on to Newton Stewart to the Creebridge Hotel. This area is well known for salmon fishing and golf. Small world. We met up with a couple we had met last April in Augusta, GA. at the Masters golf tournament. They live in Glasgow and just happened to be there on vacation.

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Our stay in Newton Stewart was the highlight of our trip. Samuel had advised me to write to Cissy Vance ahead of time and try to work out a visit. I had written to Cissy and she had told me to call her when I got there. I called her and she invited us out to visit the next night. During the day we visited Whithorn Priory, Kirkkenner Church and cemetery, Wigtown cemetery and the best of all was seeing Barnbarroch! Samuel had given me directions to reach Barnbarroch and they were excellent. My only wish is that it could be restored to its original splendor. That night we visited with Cissy. She had invited several people over for us to meet. Some were from Northern Ireland there on vacation and a couple visiting from England plus some locals and one of her cousins and her husband. She shared the reunion picture with us and a picture of the way Barnbarroch looked before the fire. We had a great time singing and visiting. She then served sandwiches and tea. Our time there was much too short.

The next morning we left for Glasgow and the Hilton Hotel. Scotland is such a beautiful and clean country. The people are very polite and the children well mannered. John and I decided we could very easily retire over there. I was stunned at the resemblance to North Central Kentucky. My mother's family is from England and Ireland and settled in North Central Kentucky. That area of Kentucky had very similar terrain plus rock fences.

I'm sure our trip wasn't quite as informational since we didn't have any guides. However, thanks to all of you who went before and kept such excellent notes John and I were able to have a wonderful trip.

Kathleen, we are still trying to locate Kinson McVeigh Vance. We know he didn't arrive on a turnip truck but it is about to appear that maybe he did arrive under the truck! We do know he is buried in the cemetery in Natchez, but we have been unable to find him in any census. However, we will persevere!

Virginia Vance Ward

*Virginia*





## Kathleen's Korner

I wish I could convey the feeling of pride that I felt when I received the first Vance Family Association Newsletter in 1985. Never did I dream that we would grow as rapidly as we did, nor accomplish the quality of newsletter that we now enjoy. Participation by our membership has been the key to success. Keep spreading the word, for each of us have different information stored away in that shoebox that needs to be shared. One area that we need your assistance with - Bruce and I need the Family Group Sheets of your earliest ancestor. It does not have to be on a form. Just list John Doe Vance, any dates and places of birth, marriage, and death for his spouse and all his children and their spouses. Then carry this down at least another generation on each of his children. Many members have found their connection through our Data Base, but if it is not shared with us, you deprive a member of the joy of finding another generation.

Another request is if you have access to a library or archives, look up and copy Vances in Deed Abstract Books, Minute Books, Will Books. Don't just look for your county and state, copy any you can get your hands on.

**Margaret Webb** of Knoxville noted the request of Keith F. Evans for a photo of the tombstone of David Vance and wife Margaret Evans Vance at Ellijoy Church in Blount Co. TN. She and her sister drove approximately 100 miles round trip to the church. They were unable to locate their tombstone, however they took photos of the cemetery and the present day church and sent to Keith. Margaret found a deed where David Vance deeded ½ acre of land for a church and cemetery. He desired his slaves worship there and be freed, and buried there. Margaret is an avid researcher, and this effort to assist is a challenge to all of us as we are so scattered all over the country.

**Jim Norfleet**, the husband of our associate historian Mary Norfleet deserves an accolade for his tedious computer work on plats for our newsletter. Virginia Lovett had spent countless hours plotting and drawing plats of early settlers of Frederick County, VA. (April 1996 NL pg. 53). Jim enhanced it with his computer. When Mary typed the article on Wolf Hill Suit - Vance vs Walker and added her comments, Jim made us a beautiful plat from an old faded xerox copy. (July 1996 NL pg. 77/9).

**Kentucky** research will be featured in January and April 1997, along with other valuable new research. The January folder is growing by the week. April has articles in it already, as does July. Long term planning is essential. Please keeps the documents coming my way. Thanks to Grace Dotson, Virginia Lovett and Mary Norfleet for their loyal support and work, much of it behind the scenes.

**Before you put your newsletter in your file**, send your renewal to Bruce so he will not be working at Christmas time. Happy holidays. See you in January.

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**NEW AND REVISED VFA PEDIGREES**

**BEUMEL, Anna Lois Vance**

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|-------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|--------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| (7720) BEUMEL, Thomas J | B-               | D-               | M- 9 Sep 1950 IN | (7719) VANCE, Anna L     | B-28 May 1931 KY | D-               |
| (7718) VANCE, Homer R   | B-14 Jul 1896 KY | D-16 Dec 1969 IN | M-29 Dec 1917 KY | (9343) MOHON, Fannie     | B- 2 Feb 1892 KY | D- 5 Jun 1960 CO |
| (9344) VANCE, Sidney J  | B-15 Sep 1863 KY | D-25 Oct 1946 IN | M-18 Sep 1889 KY | (9345) NICELY, Mattie    | B- 7 Dec 1872 KY | D-14 Jan 1901 KY |
| (273 ) VANCE, Venirah   | B-10 Nov 1827 TN | D-17 Aug 1865 KY | M-30 Jul 1853 KY | (274 ) BROWN, Nancy      | B- 1 Dec 1831 KY | D-12 Mar 1870 KY |
| (275 ) VANCE, Joseph    | B-13 Sep 1794 TN | D- 8 Mar 1865 KY | M-29 Dec 1819 TN | (276 ) GREEN, Eliza J    | B- 6 Jul 1799    | D-               |
| (4161) VANCE, Patrick   | B-               | D- 1803 TN       | M-10 Jul 1778    | (4162) HOUSTON, Elizabet | B-               | D-AR 1803        |

**CONRAD, Elizabeth**

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| (6678) CONRAD, Unk       | B-               | D-               |                  | (6673) VANCE, Elizabeth  | B- 9 Jun 1912 KY | D-               |
| (6546) VANCE, Leslie M   | B- 3 Jan 1879 KY | D-12 Dec 1941 KY | M-27 Mar 1899 TN | (6545) MCCUBBIN, Martha  | B-17 Nov 1879 KY | D- 2 Jun 1961 KY |
| (6602) VANCE, Elam L     | B-25 Apr 1858 KY | D-16 Jan 1933 KY |                  | (6603) CANTRELL, Nannie  | B-25 May 1862    | D-17 May 1887 KY |
| (6604) VANCE, William T  | B- 1830 KY       | D-               | M-21 Mar 1852    | (6605) PERKINS, Mary A   | B-11 Nov 1831 KY | D- 6 Aug 1906 KY |
| (6606) VANCE, William Jr | B-17 Aug 1800 KY | D-Aft 1870       | M-11 Dec 1824 KY | (6607) CAVIN, Naomi      | B-10 Jun 1804    | D- 3 Mar 1858    |
| (405 ) VANCE, William    | B-Abt 1760 VA    | D- 5 Feb 1831 KY | M-15 Dec 1785 KY | (406 ) WOOLDRIDGE, Franc | B-Abt 1764 VA    | D-Aft 1831       |
| (407 ) VANCE, Alexander  | B-Abt 1732 VA    | D-Bef 24 Dec KY  |                  | (408 ) UNK,              | B- 1743          | D-               |

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| (9435) LLOYD, Paul W     | B-               | D-               | M- 7 Dec 1919 TN | (9434) HARRIS, Eugenia C | B-18 Feb 1900 TN | D- 1 May 1995 TN |
| (9433) HARRIS, William B | B-28 Apr 1852 GA | D-28 Sep 1908    | M-17 Mar 1885 GA | (9432) COTTER, Emma L    | B-31 Aug 1857 GA | D-29 Sep 1916 TN |
| (9430) COTTER, John C    | B- 4 Aug 1828 GA | D-10 Jan 1919    |                  | (9431) GREEN, Mary M     | B- 5 Mar 1823 SC | D-26 Jan 1889 GA |
| (945 ) COTTER, John V    | B-28 Nov 1789 SC | D- 9 Sep 1871 GA | M-19 Dec 1819 GA | (946 ) NALL, Mary A      | B-12 Jun 1796 NC | D- 9 Sep 1871 GA |
| (947 ) COTTER, William   | B-Abt 1762 Ire   | D-Abt Feb SC     | M-24 Jan 1784 VA | (948 ) VANCE, Catherine  | B-Abt 1763 VA    | D- Nov 1835 SC   |

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| (9389) MCGAUGHEY, John T | B-               | D-             |                  | (9388) VANCE, Marilyn   | B- | D- |
| (2812) VANCE, Hugh L     | B-13 Jun 1904 LA | D-             | M-27 Jun 1929 MS |                         |    |    |
| (2813) VANCE, Leon S     | B- 7 Aug 1877 MS | D- Nov 1949 LA | M- 5 Jun 1901    |                         |    |    |
| (2814) VANCE, Kinson M   | B- Jan 1840 MS   | D- 1909 MS     | M-15 Aug 1865 MS | (8120) DUNN, Clementine | B- | D- |

**PERRY, Julie**

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| (9347) PERRY, Thomas C  | B-               | D-               | M-20 Jun 1965 MS | (9087) GREENE, Julia   | B- 9 Sep 1941 MS | D-               |
| (9086) GREENE, George S | B-17 Sep 1916 MS | D-29 Dec 1951 AL | M-27 Aug 1939 MS | (9348) SMITH, Grace W  | B-25 Jul 1916 MS | D-               |
| (9085) GREENE, Murray P | B- 5 Apr 1891 MS | D-18 Sep 1951 TN | M-14 Sep 1911 MS | (9349) GORDON, Eula E  | B-25 Sep 1891 MS | D-15 Aug 1967 MS |
| (9084) GREENE, Thomas S | B- 5 Nov 1856 MS | D-22 Dec 1931 TN | M- 6 Jan 1886 MS | (9350) FLANKEN, Cora L | B-14 Nov 1866    | D- 9 May 1928 M  |
| (9082) GREEN, George W  | B-23 Jun 1829 SC | D-30 Sep 1860 MS | M-18 Dec 1855 MS | (9083) MAHON, Nancy B  | B-               | D-               |
| (4079) GREEN, William   | B-29 Dec 1788    | D-17 Jan 1851 SC | M-20 Dec 1814    | (3518) VANCE, Frances  | B-29 Aug 1790 SC | D-15 Oct 1856 SC |
| (1025) VANCE, Nathaniel | B- 1762 NC       | D- 4 Nov 1812 SC | M-27 Mar 1788 SC | (1026) MCTIER, Mary D  | B- 6 Mar 1769    | D-11 Nov 1842 SC |
| (1621) VANCE, Samuel Sr | B- 1726          | D-26 May 1789 NC |                  | (101 ) UNK, Alice      | B-               | D-               |

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| (9437) RHODABARGER, Thomab | B- 6 Aug 1926 OK | D-24 Jul 1981 NJ | M-12 Mar 1955 MO | (9436) KELLEY, Marion H  | B-14 May 1921 IA | D-               |
| (9424) KELLEY, Wilber T    | B-15 Jul 1883 IA | D- 6 Jan 1961 IA | M-17 Feb 1908 IA | (9423) FARRENS, Ella I   | B-27 Feb 1882 IA | D-11 Mar 1959 IA |
| (9422) FARRENS, William H  | B-15 Feb 1859 IA | D- 8 Jun 1936 IA |                  | (9421) NEALEIGH, Hulda   | B-22 Jan 1861 IA | D-25 Jan 1899 IA |
| (9420) NEALEIGH, Levi      | B-24 Nov 1832 OH | D-29 Jun 1900 OR | M-27 Jan 1853 OH | (9419) COLVILLE, Eleanor | B- 5 Nov 1836 OH | D- 8 Mar 1863 IA |
| (9417) COLVILLE, Charles V | B-25 Nov 1808 OH | D- 1 Dec 1838 OH | M- 1 May 1834 OH | (9418) HART, Sarah       | B-30 Oct 1814 NJ | D-16 Dec 1880 OH |
| (9415) COLVILLE, Joseph    | B- 1763 VA       | D- 1825          | M- 1791 OH       | (9416) WILLS, Elizabeth  | B-Abt 1776 VA    | D-               |
| (9413) COLVILLE, Samuel    | B- 1734 VA       | D- 1823 VA       | M-Abt 1755       | (9414) SANDERS, Mary     | B-Abt 1737 VA    | D-               |
| (7178) COLVILLE, James     | B- 1695 Ire      | D- 1777 VA       | M- 1720 VA       | (7179) VANCE, Ann        | B- 1700 Ire      | D-               |

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| (9358) TENBROEKE, James E   | B-               | D-               |               | (9360) DRUET, Blanche V | B-30 May 1904 IA | D-18 Oct 1989 IA |
| (9359) TENBROEKE, Hendrik J | B-               | D-               |               | (9362) SHIPLEY, Inez L  | B-20 Aug 1871 IA | D- 8 Apr 1962 IA |
| (9361) DRUET, John T        | B- 7 Jul 1867 IA | D-23 Jan 1933 IA | M-23 Sep 1891 | (9364) WILKIN, Margaret | B-10 Dec 1851 OH | D- 2 Jun 1929 IA |
| (9363) SHIPLEY, Talbert B   | B-14 Aug 1842 OH | D-22 Mar 1917 IA | M-27 Dec 1870 | (9366) VANCE, Matilda   | B-15 Oct 1816 OH | D-26 Jul 1885 OH |
| (9365) SHIPLEY, Talbert     | B-Abt 1812 MD    | D-28 Mar 1880 OH | M-17 Apr 1833 |                         |                  |                  |

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| (9377) VANCE, Glenn   | B-               | D-               | M-14 Feb 1943    | (9378) DERA, Elaine   | B-               | D-               |
| (9376) VANCE, Unk     | B-               | D-               |                  |                       |                  |                  |
| (836 ) VANCE, James M | B-14 Apr 1865 OH | D-25 Dec 1940 NE | M-25 Feb 1886 NE | (418 ) MCCOY, Texas D | B-28 Mar 1869 WV | D-21 Jul 1933 NE |
| (949 ) VANCE, William | B- 1820 OH       | D- 1869 IA       | M-15 Apr 1857 OH | (950 ) HOWARD, Anna   | B-17 Mar 1837 OH | D-10 May 1910 NE |

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| (9342) THOMPSON, Edgar E | B-22 Jan 1947 MS | D-               |                  |
| (9339) VANCE, Preston P  | B-24 Jan 1911 MS | D-31 Dec 1995    |                  |
| (1242) VANCE, Robert L   | B- 2 Feb 1888 MS | D- 2 Feb 1960 MS |                  |
| (183 ) VANCE, William E  | B-16 Oct 1867 MS | D-15 Jul 1939 MS | M-20 Dec 1885    |
| (185 ) VANCE, William M  | B- 1820 SC       | D- 1895 MS       | M-14 Dec 1843 MS |
| (187 ) VANCE, John P     | B- 1795 SC       | D- 1863 MS       |                  |
| (189 ) VANCE, James A Sr | B-Abt 1755       | D-Abt 1821 SC    | M-Abt 1779       |

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| (9341) VANCE, Beverly    | B-15 Aug 1949 TN | D-              |
| (9340) HITT, Virginia    | B- 7 May 1917 AL | D-              |
| (1243) NEAL, Eula        | B-30 Jan 1890 MS | D-11 Jun 1979 M |
| (184 ) HARBIN, Margaret  | B-11 Mar 1870 MS | D-10 Nov 1932 M |
| (186 ) LOTT, Martha      | B- 1827 SC       | D- 1901 MS      |
| (188 ) MCNULTY, Isabella | B- 1795 SC       | D- MS           |
| (5061) UNK,              | B-               | D-              |

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| (2938) VANCE, Danny J                   | B-23 Oct 1958 OH | D-               | M-14 Apr 1990 MD |
| (2940) VANCE, Joe D                     | B-28 Apr 1930 OH | D- 8 Jul 1966 OH | M- 4 May 1951    |
| (2942) VANCE, Clyde H                   | B-24 Nov 1894 OH | D-13 Feb 1981    | M-31 Mar 1915    |
| (2944) VANCE, Joseph P                  | B- 4 Dec 1852 OH | D-17 May 1928 OH | M-16 Feb 1884    |
| (805 ) VANCE, Patrick                   | B-20 Jul 1809 OH | D-25 Apr 1861 OH | M-13 Feb 1827    |
| (752 ) VANCE, John                      | B-20 Apr 1773 VA | D- 1 Nov 1831 OH |                  |
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| (2946) DUNN, Joseph M                   | B-19 Apr 1858 OH | D- 2 May 1924    | M-19 Nov 1890    |
| (2947) DUNN, John I                     | B- 1826 OH       | D- Apr 1901      |                  |
| (750 ) VANCE, William Maj               | B-16 Nov 1803 KY | D-29 Dec 1885 OH | M-13 Oct 1825    |
| (752 ) VANCE, John                      | B-20 Apr 1773 VA | D- 1 Nov 1831 OH |                  |

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| (2939) BUTTS, Carolyn M  | B-15 Nov 1968 CA | D-               |
| (2941) MIGNEREY, Marye   | B-24 Aug 1930 OH | D- 8 Jul 1966 OH |
| (2943) DUNN, Lydia R     | B-10 Sep 1895 OH | D-10 Jan 1989    |
| (2945) WELLMAN, Sarah E  | B-16 Apr 1858 OH | D-19 Feb 1916 OH |
| (806 ) BRANNON, Rebecca  | B- 5 Jul 1809 KY | D- 9 Feb 1875 OH |
| (753 ) REISS, Lydia      | B-26 Oct 1775 VA | D-Abt 1851 OH    |
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| (2948) VANCE, Lydia      | B-11 Apr 1826 OH | D- 6 Sep 1871    |
| (3710) CALVIN, Sophronia | B-23 Dec 1805    | D- 3 Aug 1841    |
| (753 ) REISS, Lydia      | B-26 Oct 1775 VA | D-Abt 1851 OH    |

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| (9351) VIDETO, George E | B- 3 Jun 1946 MA | D- |
| (9352) VANCE, George    | B- 7 Nov 1923    | D- |
| (9353) VANCE, Appie     | B-               | D- |

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| (9357) HEROUX, Eileen | B- | D- |
| (9354) SHEPARD, Rosie | B- | D- |

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# Queries

*Numbers designated by '#' following a name refer to the VFA database number.*

**Urgent!** Need current address for former member **Susan Elizabeth Fuhs** (husband **David Huff**), whose ancestor was **John H. Vance** #1262 (1814-1888) wife **Elizabeth W. Haydon** (1809-1880). Their marriage date 23 Oct 1834 VA.

**Contact Bruce Vance or Kathleen Mason, address/phone/e-mail on cover.**

Are **Joseph Colville Sr.** (1691- 1757) & **Elizabeth Wilson** (? - 1765) the parents of **Mary Colville Gilkerson** #3213, wife of **Major William Vance** #3212? Do we have documentation that she was a **Gilkerson** widow? And who are the parents of **David Vance, Sr.** #1246 & his wife **Sarah Unk** #3021 ? This **David** is the one involved in the Fairfax-Hite Trial.  
**Susan Wheeler, 1580 Bresee Rd, W. Palm Beach, FL 33415-5502.**

*[The following two queries seek similar information. We have advised Jim and Paul of their mutual quest.]*

Seeking information on the parents of **Matilda Vance**, born in Oxford Twp, Guernsey County, OH in 1818. **Matilda** married **Talbert Shipley** of Guernsey Co. in 1833. Also, seeking information regarding **Ezekial Vance**, who operated a tavern in Guernsey Co. from about 1816 to 1840, and **William Vance**, also of Guernsey Co. in about the same period. **Jim ten Broeke, 3 Princeton Court, Iowa City, IA 52245**

Stories of Guernsey Co., Ohio" by **William Wolfe**, page 931:

"One of the first to settle on Pultney Ridge was **Ezekial Vance** who came from Fayette County, Pennsylvania and purchased the Southeast quarter of Section 10 and the Southwest quarter of Section 4. This land is now known as the **Grier** farm and a member of the family possesses the original deeds showing the purchase from the Stubenville land office where the sales of land in the Seven Ranges were made. The deeds were signed by **President James Madison**." What line does this **Ezekiel** stem from?  
**Paul D. Vance, 8811 Patricia Court, College Park, MD. 20740-2024.**

Seeking further information on **John Gray Vance**, 1827 - 1878. A Civil War Veteran from Illinois. He married **Eleanor Ellen Jones** in 1855.

**Vivian Rockwood, 1902 Kenwood Drive, Johnson City, TN 37604.**



Two descendants are attempting to assemble the family of **William Vance** #949 b 1825 Canton, Stark Co., OH, d 1869 Casey, IA. Wife-1 **Elly Smith**, Wife-2 **Anna Howard** (she later married **Daniel Pendergast**). Children **Richard**, **William**, **Ilef**, **Martin Van Buren**, **James Milo**, **Roscoe**, **Melissa** and **Elizabeth**. Any information or leads on this family will be appreciated.

**Glenn Vance, POB 125, Bladen NE, 68928-0125 or**

**Roger Vance, 2150 Surreygate Drive, Columbus, OH 43235-1845**

Need information on date of birth & other data on a **Joseph Vance** #3941, son of **John Vance** #1090 and **Jane Black Vance** #1088 of Washington Co. VA. Trying to sort out the **Josephs** in that area.

**Kathleen Mason, 4213 East Ridge Dr., Jackson, MS. 39211**

**Queries (continued)**

Years ago I found the marriage record of **Catherine Vance/William Cotter** 24 Jan 1784 in Rockbridge Co. Va. Marriage Register Bk. I Pg. 569. I was told there was no other information available but Kathy Diloreto recently sent me a copy of the original marriage bond! The name of **Patrick Vance** appears as a bondsman; no relationship shown. Who is this **Patrick**? **Catherine Vance Cotter** named her firstborn son **John Vance Cotter**. Was this after her father?? Please share any info on Rockbridge Co., as other records are giving more comprehensive information about this **Vance** family. Currently planning to submit an article on this family in an upcoming newsletter. (Rerun from July newsletter which had the address wrong.)

**Delilah S. Foster, 6711 Old Stage Road, North Bethesda, MD 20852**

Wish to contact **Robert Vance**. Robert was discharged from the navy in the late 1960's at San Diego, Miramar Navel Air Station. Owned a brindle boxer dog.

**Jo Place, 9775 Lorraine Way, #104, Santee, CA 92071. 619-258-0238.**

At a roadblock and need help. My ancestor **James Vance** m **Ann Graham**, the first place I can find them is in Flamboro, just outside of Hamilton, Ontario, Canada in 1846. **James** and **Ann** were Wesleyan Methodists and had three children (as far as I know), **William C.** b 1842 in Upper Canada, **Robert James** b 1846 in Flamboro and **Alisha**, twin of Robert. Will gladly share information with VFA members.

**Mrs. Sylvia Cotton, POB 185, New Hazelton, B.C., Canada, V0J 2J0**

Seeking others who are researching **Vance - Wilson - Gounce(Gonce/Gance/Ganz)** connections. The later from the Rhineland. In about 1768, **Rudolph Gonce** married a **Mrs. 'Polly' (?Vance) McDade**, who had two sons. Some researchers believe Polly's father was a **Vance**. Also, a **Frances Wilson** who married **Isaac Gonce** in 1770. Isaac's twin, **Abraham Gonce** married a **Vance**. The brothers lived in Hawkins Co., TN in the early 1800's, later Isaac and family moved to Jackson Co., AL. All clues or leads appreciated.

**Barbara Clepper, 406 Wilson Dam Ave., Sheffield, AL 35660-5624**

Searching for information on **John Vance** b ca 1829 TN. On 1850 census for Warren Co., TN he appears as laborer on the farm of **Robert & Elizabeth Orear (O'Rhear)**. The 1860 census of Grundy Co., TN has the same family, but with daughter **Mary (Polly** on 1850 census) now named **Vance** with two children **Nancy Vance** 9yrs and **Elihu Vance** 3yrs. **John Vance** not listed. Later, Mary Vance married **Jonathan Roach**, Civil War Veteran. **Elihu Vance** married **Rosa Brooks** in 1884.

**Delores Roach, 113 East Cherry Street, Gadsden, AL 35903.**

Living ancestor sought. I am trying to locate my birth father, **George Vance**. He and his brother **Everett** were registered voters in Logan, WV in 1962. Their parents were **Appie** and **Rosey Vance** and there is a sister named **Nettie**. Please help

**George E. Videto, POB 204, Seneca Rocks, WV 26884. (304) 567-2556.**

**Re submit your unanswered queries.**

**Vance family research is a dynamic process.**

**New material and new sources are regularly being added.**

## *Some Mississippi Vances*

**William Alfred Vance** 1898 - 1970   **Mattie Maybell Vance** 1895  
**William LaDell Vance** 1889 - 1963   **Ernest Adrian Vance** 1892 - 1945



**William Edgar Vance** 1867 - 1939   **Lillie Bell Vance** 1901 - 1970   **Mary Jane Harbin** 1870 - 1932   **Edna Lee Vance** 1905 - 1991  
**Thomas Huston Vance** 1908 - 1974

Not shown from this family: Robert Lowry Vance 1888 - 1960, married & gone at time of picture  
Rufus Claudie Vance 1914 - 1978, not yet born at time of picture.

**Ernest Adrian Vance is the father of VFA Member Hilton (Jack) Vance**  
**Edna Lee Vance is the mother of VFA Historian Kathleen Mason.**

## **OVER 400 GATHER FOR VANCE REUNION IN WEST VIRGINIA**

Descendants of David Vance gathered August 10, 1996 for their 17th Annual Vance Reunion held at George's Fork, Panther State Park, Panther, WV. Guests began arriving around 10:00 A.M. for a funfilled day.

Guests came from; California, Florida, Illinois, Iowa, Kentucky, Ohio, New York, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia, West Virginia and Wyoming. Of those attending approximately 60 were friends of the family.

In attendance were David Vance's two daughters; Pearl (Vance) Green of Croton, OH and Linnie (Vance) Mullins of Paynesville, WV. Also attending were two daughters-in-law; Linnie (Horn) Vance and Mattie (Horn) Vance. Each of these ladies are in their 80's and admired by all the Vance family, for their continued support and dedication to the family reunion. There were lots of "first timers" at this reunion, we were glad to see each one of them, and may they return next year and bring more family.

Plaques were presented as follows: Vance Papoose - Austin William Hudnall (6 weeks old-youngest descendant), the son of Jean Hudnall and the great-grandson of the late Maggie (Vance) York. Vance Elder was presented to Mattie (Horn) Vance the wife of the late Wade Vance, on behalf of Pearl (Vance) Green the oldest descendant attending. Vance Lovebirds - Bittle & Mildred Steele ( married longest - 57 years 3 months), Bittle is the son of the late Harrison and Louise (Vance) Steele. Vance Honeymooners - Bud & Betty Issac (married shortest - 10 weeks 2 days). Betty is the daughter of the late Maggie (Vance) & Bob York. Vance Traveler was presented to Ira & June Vance Jr. traveling from Cheyene, Wyoming. Ira is the son of the late Ira and Jane Vance.

Everyone enjoyed the reunion, visiting with those we see often and those we had not seen in several years. We always enjoy the good food, fellowship and music provided by family and friends.

Several descendants spent time at the 4-H Camp in Panther State Park during the week before the reunion and were enjoying the reunion as part of their vacation. On Saturday evening, several gathered back at the 4-H Camp to conclude their funfilled week. Approximately 200 family and friends gathered on top of Bradshaw Mountain at the old homeplace of David Vance for a wiener roast, more music and fun. Everyone enjoyed themselves and are looking forward to next year. The reunion will be held August 9, 1997, make plans now to attend.

***SUBMITTED BY QUINTIN D. VANCE BLUEFIELD, VA.  
OTHER VFA MEMBERS DESCENDANTS OF THIS DAVID  
WANDA GREEN JOHNSTOWN, OH  
GRACE VANCE DOTSON - HARLEM GA***

## **Mr. and Mrs. Barnhart**

Arvid and Neva Barnhart celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with a party at Desert Shores Clubhouse hosted by their children and a renewal of vows at Church of Christ.

The couple were married June 9, 1946, in Tucson, Ariz. They have resided in Las Vegas 27 years.

Arvid is a retired from the Air Force and is currently employed by Brennans Limited. Neva is employed with the Las Vegas Convention and Visitors Authority. They are both members of the Boulevard Church of Christ.

Their children are Gerri Barker, Roger, Hollis, and Montyne Anderson, all of Las Vegas. They also have 16 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.



**NEVA, ARVID BARNHART**

### Deed Mapper 2.0

I recently purchased and installed Deed Mapper 2.0. (\$99 plus shipping) For a pilot project, I am plotting the land my gr gr grandparents, William Vance/Rachel Mintun bought and sold in Fayette Co., Pa in the late 1700's - early 1800's. Actually, the purchased land will be one project and the sold land will be the second. From this and neighbor identification, I may uncover some new clues to siblings and ancestors. Here are my initial observations of Deed Mapper.

**Installation:** Easy.

**Documentation:** Very good. Comprehensive manual comes with program.

**Execution:** On the first execution, I got an environment space problem (an old DOS thorn). This was due to the configuration of my PC and is not a Deed Mapper problem. The fix caused other strange problems that I haven't yet resolved. Nothing serious, I just boot from a customized disk and the program executes flawlessly.

I took right off on my first project without using the samples provided for orientation (I use all my patience up on Vance research!). From this quick start, I did learn that I need to be careful on the deed definition. I was a bit sloppy and although I got an accurate plot, it would have been more meaningful had I done it correctly.

**Printing:** Will explore further in upcoming newsletter. There are many options and I have only used the basic choices.

**Support:** Fantastic. Direct Line Software has an internet site that is special. Getting answers to your technical problems (if any) is a small part of the service provided. They are, in their own words, making this site a 'Land Record Center.' Here are the primary four sections of the site.

- **Land Record Reference:** The reference section 'can tell you all you ever wanted to know about Deeds, Grants, Patents and Claims.'
- **Research Directory:** Records those researching land records and the area, time period and key names they are working in.
- **Deed Data Pool:** Customers donate their deed research and it is available to anyone logging on to the site!
- **Products and Technical Support:** They responded on a timely basis to my initial problem.



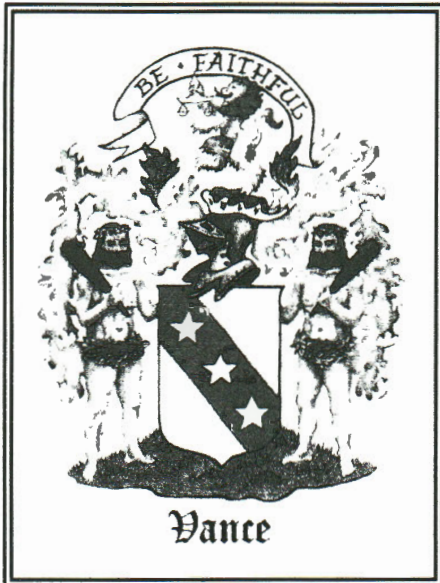
Last but not least, Direct Line will sell Road, Railroad and Hydrography(Water) maps that can be included in your project. All can be overlaid in the print. River and stream references could be very useful in early plots.

Next report I will show the input and output of my pilot project.

*Bone*

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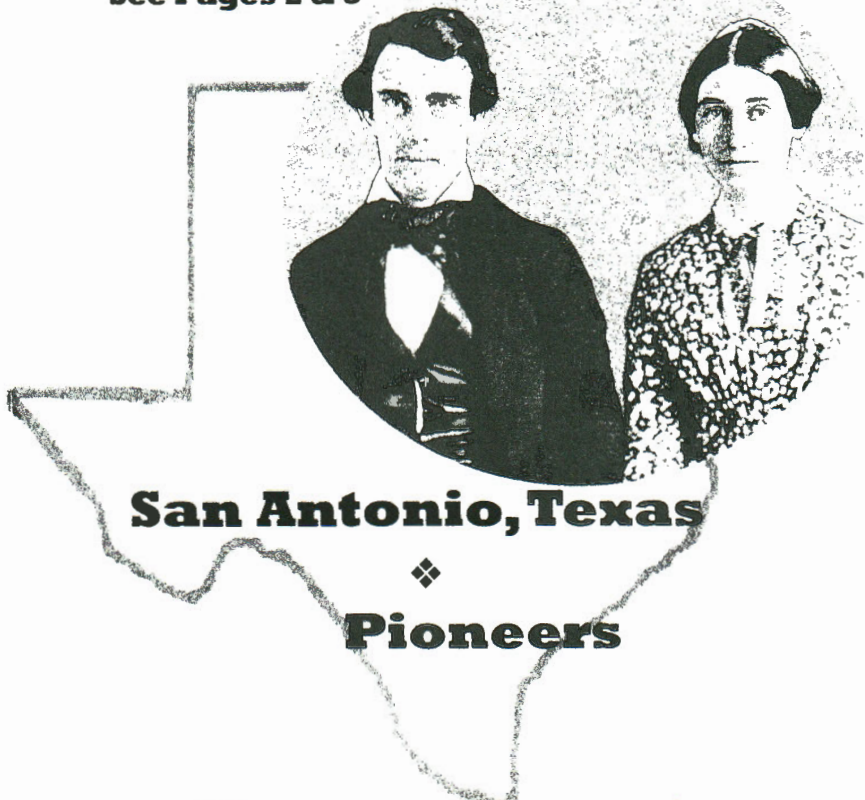
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**GOAL:** To research and record the origins of the Vance Family.

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THE VFA is non-profit, non-political, non-discriminatory and non-sectarian. Members receive quarterly newsletters which include articles by the Association Historian, selected summarized pedigrees, queries and research items of interest from other members.

New members are encouraged to submit pedigree charts of their Vance lines. The VFA will provide pedigree sheets and assistance in completion.

National biannual conferences meetings are held to elect officers, conduct necessary business and allow members to meet in person.

**ORGANIZED:** August of 1984

You are cordially invited to join the VANCE FAMILY ASSOCIATION. The growth of the VFA is dependent on member participation, so we sincerely hope you will consider joining us in this endeavor to share research information and to promote the proud heritage of our Vance name.

To join, simply fill out the form and return it with your check made out to VANCE FAMILY ASSOCIATION. As soon as possible or with this form submit a pedigree chart with your line of Vance ancestry. This will be recorded and a copy sent to you for editing.

Membership is annually renewable on the first of January each year. Late memberships of any year will receive all back issues for that given year of membership. Membership dues paid after October 1st will become active on January 1 of the following year unless otherwise noted.

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## President-Editor's Message

Details for the May 15th - 18th, 1997 VFA meeting in San Antonio have been firmed up by our hard working Secretary, Bob Vance, his wife Evie and Bobby Vance. Bobby has made several trips from his home in Waco to San Antonio just to check out facilities. Bob and Evie recently attended a college reunion in San Antonio so have first hand experience of the events they have chosen for us. There is a flyer enclosed with further details and registration forms. Get your registration and money in as early as possible. We will be staying at the Menger, which is a beautifully restored historical hotel. Hotel reservations are separate. To get our special rate, let them know you are with the VFA.

We moved the meeting from the traditional June to May hoping to avoid the peak vacation time and to enjoy cooler weather. Also, we expanded the time from two days to four days. This will give us more time to tour, eat and chat. For those of you who haven't previously attended, I will let you in on a secret. The biggest event is Vance to Vance gabbing!

I am much better acquainted with Texas and San Antonio thanks to the extensive information Bobby Vance has forwarded. The historical significance of this city is remarkable. We are short changing ourselves by associating San Antonio with only the Alamo.

1996 was a good year for the VFA. Both the quantity and quality of Vance research accelerated. The database continues to grow with new lines and more early siblings being added. A few new early lines popped up. Over 50% of new members connect to an existing line. Many of the new members have added valuable information about their Vances.

We ended the year with 357 members. Financially, we survived a full year of mailing the newsletter at first class postage rates. We are able to once again hold the dues at their current low rate while maintaining a reasonable working reserve. I sincerely thank all the generous members who donated extra funds, supplies and their time to make this possible.

The advent of the Internet seems to have made everyone on-line oriented. An acquaintance called me a few days ago and said 'I have just started my family history, where do I go on the Internet to find information?' I was speechless. I remind all that what is on-line came from research in libraries, historical societies, court houses and archives and those are still the main source for data. On-line communication has many benefits but you can't swap surfing the web for old fashion genealogical digging.

It is election time. Ballots must be returned prior to the Texas meeting. The completed ballots will be counted at the Saturday business meeting in San Antonio. All the incumbents except for Bob Vance (Secretary) have agreed to serve the upcoming term. Quintin Vance of Bluefield, VA has accepted the nomination for Secretary. Quintin has just completed hosting a successful VFA mini-meeting in Bluefield. His report on this appears later in this newsletter. If you are interested in serving as an officer and would like to be included in the next election, drop me a note and I will see that the 1999 Nominating Committee gets it. We have a two term limit per position so new candidates will be needed by 1999. It is my personal opinion that both genders should be represented, so ladies, get busy and volunteer.

I am happy to report that several members have written explaining they have been 'planting trees' per my column sign-off. I have to assume, given the nature of our organization, they are also finding ancestors. Virginia Lovett indicates we must be related as tree planting has been a long standing tradition in her Vance family.

Enuff, go find an ancestor, plant a tree and make your San Antonio reservations,



Pascagoula Public Library  
Local History & Genealogy Dept.  
Vance Family

**Miscellaneous Vance Records**  
**from Our Heritage, San Antonio, Texas**  
**Submitted by Bobby Vance**

**Marriages**

**Bexar County, TX**

|                   |                                      |
|-------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 15 January 1850   | Jonathan Vance & Rowena Fest Baldwin |
| 10 October 1854   | Thomas Hall & Mary A. Vance          |
| 27 December 1865  | C. Upson & Martha Vance              |
| 1 June 1870       | Samuel E. H. Davis & M. Annie Vance  |
| 26 January 1871   | Henry Vance & Rosary Maverick        |
| 10 September 1878 | J. M. Vance & Mary E. Tobin          |

**Medina County, TX**

|                  |                                        |
|------------------|----------------------------------------|
| 18 February 1873 | William F. Noonan & Abbie Rowena Vance |
| 23 May 1883      | John Pinkham & Mary Francis Vance      |

**Baptisms**

**St. Marks (Episcopal) Parish, San Antonio on March 16th, ?**

|                                  |                                   |
|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Frank E. (Frankie?) Vance        | wife of William Vance             |
| James Milton Vance               | parents, William & Frank E. Vance |
| Mary Frankie Vance, 10 years old | parents, William & Frank E. Vance |
| Ida Hattie Vance, 6 years old    | parents, William & Frank E. Vance |
| Lillie Tabor Vance, 3 years old  | parents, William & Frank E. Vance |

**Deeds**

|             |                                                                                                              |
|-------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 3 May 1859  | Emil Abat, Grantor to James & William Vance, Grantee. Bexar Deeds, Book R-Z, p. 389.                         |
| 17 Apr 1863 | E. H. Abadie & Confederate States, Grantor to James & William Vance, Grantee. Bexar Deeds, Book S-R, p. 572. |

**Obituary**

Mrs. Mary Ann Hall born 30 June 1834 in New York, daughter of James & Sarah Vance. Wife of Thomas Hall.  
Died 15 August 1855.

**Wills & Probate**

James Vance, will dated 27 Apr 1867, signed in Paris, TX. Filed in Bexar County, 8 Mar 1881. Book I, p. 89.  
Named: Catherine Westfall; son, William Henry Vance.  
Thomas Hall, will signed 25 Sep 1855. Filed in Bexar County 1 Jul 1856. Book D, p 444-445. Named: Father  
(in-law), James Vance; wife, Mary and others.  
Jesse Vance, deceased. Brazoria County Probate, filed 1832; Case # 555.

**Cemetery**

**Alamo Masonic Cemetery, San Antonio, TX**

|                            |                           |
|----------------------------|---------------------------|
| Josephine Tobin Vance West | 29 Dec 1883-23 Nov 1913 - |
| Frances E. Vance           | -24 Nov 1906 age 73       |
| William Vance              | 6 Dec 1817-2 Oct 1878     |
| John Wesley Kenney         | 27 Dec 1871-24 Mar 1845   |
| Lillie Vance Kenney        | -20 Dec 1942              |
| James Vance                | - Feb 1881                |
| James R. Vance             | 25 Nov 1867-28 Jan 1868   |
| Fred Vance Skinner         | 23 Dec 1895-23 Sep 1934   |
| Ida Vance Skinner          | 29 Jan 1869-30 Dec 1948   |

**Other**

**Voter Registration:, Bexar County**

James C. Vance, 28 Sep 1867. Born in Mississippi, lived in TX 2 years, resides in Hays County, TX.

John Vance was postmaster of Castroville, Medina County, Texas in 1868.

**IRELAND/NEW YORK  
SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS**

By Kathleen Mason

In 1860, Lieutenant Colonel Robert E. Lee, one of the grandest figures in American history, arrived in San Antonio to take command of the Department of Texas. It was there that he met John and William Vance, who had built a two-story building at what is now the corner of Houston and St. Mary's Street. This building was leased by the United States Army and occupied as headquarters until 1861, when it was used by the Confederates as headquarters. The population of San Antonio in 1850 was 3,488, and had more than doubled by 1860, when it was 8,235.

Albert Sidney Johnson, another of the great leaders of the Confederacy occupied the Vance building as his headquarters. He would be later mortally wounded at the Battle of Shiloh. After the Civil War, the structure became a hotel, known as the Vance House, until 1906. It was then torn down so the Gunter Hotel could be built.

Lee, as well as Grant, Bullis and other famous military men were entertained in the Vance home, which was begun in 1847. Two white men, working with Indian laborers, worked for two years to construct this beautiful, two-story French Colonial house, with sixteen spacious rooms. The hand-cut stone blocks were hauled in oxcarts. The iron grillwork is said to have come from Spain. In the basement dining room, Aztec designs were painted on the flagstone floor.

Tradition says that it was while walking in the grape arbor at the Vance home that Lee made up his mind to cast his lot with the South. The old home, at 3210 West Nueva Street is still standing, and was later used as the Employment Service offices.

The progenitor of this Vance family in San Antonio was John Vance of Strabane, Ireland and his wife Martha Davis. They settled in New York City, and had three sons and one daughter: James, William, John and Martha. The sons were merchant tailors in New York, then in New Orleans.

William then went to Little Rock, Arkansas and later to San Antonio about 1846/7.. He married Frances Tabor. Their children were James Milton, who married Mary Tobin; Frances, who married Dr. John Rice of Missouri; Ida, who married Harvey Skinner; and Tilly, who married Dr. John Kenney.

James had married Sarah Grey of New York. Their daughter Mary married Thomas Hall of New Orleans. Their son William married Annie Burney; their daughter Maria Eugenia married Mr. Winslow. The Winslows lived in the old homestead on the south side of Nueva Street at Dwyer Avenue in San Antonio.

John married in San Antonio in 1850, Rowena Baldwin whose ancestors were from England. Their children were Abby Rowena who married William Noonan; John Thomas, Mary Elizabeth who married George M. Maverick; Sarah; Edwin B. who married Mary Stewart; and James William who married Constance Thomason.

Martha, the only daughter of the emigrant John Vance, married Mr. Doughty. Their daughter Martha was adopted by the Vances and was known as Martha Vance. She married 17 Dec 1865 Columbus Spon, "one of Texas' and San Antonio's most brilliant, brainy, and honorable men."

It is a bit unusual for the first generation emigrants to be so influential and successful, but this family certainly contributed to the growth of San Antonio, the city chosen by the Vance Family Association for their 1997 meeting.

Reference: City of Flaming Adventure, pg. 127; With the Makers of San Antonio, pg 287/8 by Frederick C. Chabot. Research of Bobby J. Vance. 404 South Strauss, Waco, TX. 76706





## United States History

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**Thomas Vause.** While reading Claiborne and Jefferson County, Mississippi LDS films seeking information on other lines, Dorothy Cox, 1029 Sugar Mountain Court, Sugar Land, Texas 77478-2753 found a copy of a will of Thomas Vause dated 14 September 1864. He owned 200 acres of land. His wife Elizabeth was named, sons **Ephraim**, William, daughters Mary and Bridget. All appear to be minors. Executors were Jesse Griffin and wife Elizabeth. Witnesses were Isaac Fife and Nancy (X) Fife. Member Rebecca Pyle has a David Vance Sr. #1246 and an **Ephraim** Vause #9337 line (another time frame - see NL July 1996 pg. 105). Ironically Dorothy is also descended from David Vance Sr. #1246, his son David Jr. #2169, his daughter Mary Vance #215 who married Andrew Greer Sr. #2114. Does this Thomas Vause fit into someone's line?

**Tennessee Before 1800 - Washington County**, by Marjorie Hood Fisher, Published 1996 (approximately 200 pages). This is also research of Dorothy Cox. The Watauga Settlement was established in 1776, mainly with settlers from North and South Carolina and Virginia. The area was believed to be in Virginia, but when the lines were drawn they found themselves in North Carolina. In 1776 this area was organized into the Washington District, North Carolina. In 1777 Washington County was established, still a part of North Carolina, and it comprised the entire State of Tennessee. First court was held February 1778. Because of insufficient protection by North Carolina, in 1785 the settlers banded together and formed the state of Franklin, consisting of the counties of Washington, Sullivan and Greene. Greenville was the new capital. North Carolina refused to accept this, and for a time two courts were held. By 1788 the area was once more a part of North Carolina and Tennessee was established in 1796. The author indexed Washington, Davidson and Sullivan Counties. The entries give the name, type of record (Court Minutes, Deeds, Tax List, etc.) book number or other identifying info, page number or militia unit, and the Microfilm Number. There are many Vances listed with all types of transactions. If you think you have family connections in this area, you may wish to follow up on this.

**Kentucky.** Our Secretary, Robert F. Vance sent us a couple of pages from The Kentucky Explorer, P. O. Box 227, Jackson, KY 41390-0227. This publication has a Kentucky Genealogy Help Line section, as well as a Family Reunions and Special Events section. This may be of interest to those who are researching their Kentucky roots. It is published 10 times a year, \$17.00.

**French and Indian War.** One of our members is sending some research concerning Vances. If you have some to add before the article is printed, please send to Kathleen.

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**WILLIAM VANCE OF FINCASTLE CO./WASHINGTON CO. VA AND GREEN CO. KY  
(1761-1831; Vance Family Association #405)**

Contributed by Susan A. Henderson, Barbara Wright,  
Hazel B. Draper, Tim Hatfield, and Elizabeth Vance Cryder  
*In memory of Hester Elizabeth Garrett and James E. Morgan, Jr.<sup>1</sup>*

**William Vance** was a son of **Alexander Vance** (est1730s - 1810 Green Co. KY; VFA #407) . According to a biography of his grandson, **Silas Lee Vance** (1 Oct 1837 Hart Co. KY - 1904 Hart Co. KY) which was published in 1886 in Perrin's *Kentucky Ancestors and Genealogy*, Vol I, pp. 101-2, William was "a native of Virginia, who married a Miss Wooldridge, of Kentucky, to which State he immigrated when nineteen years of age, and became connected with the families of the **Hudsons, Milbys, Morgans, Markhams** and **Wooldridges** who settled in Green County." Assuming this early account is correct<sup>2</sup>, since we know from testimony described below that William first came to Green County, Kentucky in 1780, this means that William was born about 1761, somewhere in Virginia.

Alexander Vance's will, which was dated in 1805 and proved on December 24, 1810 in Green County, Kentucky (*GC Will Book* 1:58-60) named "wife" Jane, and Jane was identified as Alexander's wife in some deeds. However, we do not believe she was William's mother. **Alexander Vance** and **Jane Matthews** were charged with fornication in Fincastle Co. VA in 1778 by their neighbor, **Abraham Crabtree**. (Sommers, *Annals of Southwest Virginia*, p. 1006) If Alexander and Jane married (we have no record of it), the marriage probably occurred around 1778 to settle the charges against them. Most likely, Jane was Alexander's second or third wife, and was not the mother of any of the children named in Alexander's will. Based upon dates of marriage of these named children and their children, it seems probable that the four children named in Alexander's will were born well before 1778.

We know that William had three sisters, because Alexander's will left the residue of his estate to "my four living children to be equally divided amongst them, namely — **Ruth Trent, William Vance, Mary Belcher** and **An Skaggs**." The spouses and children of these sisters will be described in a subsequent article. The fact that Alexander mentioned "living" children suggests that William may once have had siblings in addition to his three named sisters, but we have no information about this.

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<sup>1</sup>Hester and Jim did the pioneering research on this line of Vances. Jim Morgan, who reviewed drafts of this article before his untimely death this summer, published his research in a book called *Ancestors of James E. Morgan, Sr. and Maggie Lee Lawson Morgan* which provides information on several lines of his direct ancestors, including Morgans, Perkins, Whitlows, Milbys, Larrimores, Marrs and Wooldridges. Copies can be purchased from the Green Co. Historical Society, Box 276, Greensburg KY 42743. Hester Garrett published her research notes in a book called *Some Vances and Related Families*, which also compiles notes on Belchers, Hudsons, Larrimores, Marcums, Milbys, Perkins, Straders, Wards and Wooldridges. Copies can be purchased from Hester's granddaughter, Shawn Rider, Dept. M, 1619 Clifton Ave., Lansing, Mi 48910. CAVEAT: Much of the information collected and published in the Garret book concerning ancestors of William Vance's father, Alexander, is inaccurate or unproven. See *Vance Family Association Newsletter*, especially Jan 1988, p. 11, regarding the hoax perpetrated by Major William G. Vance, whose notes are abstracted at pages 10-12 of the Garret Book. However, the book does collect much useful information on 19th century Vances and was used as a source of information for this manuscript. We do not know who were the parents of Alexander Vance, or even if he was of Scotch descent.

<sup>2</sup>Another Perrins biography, concerning son-in-law **Drury Hudson**, stated that William was born in Maryland, and that "he died in 1832, over eighty years of age; his wife survived him by a few years." If this account was accurate [this seems less likely than the Silas Lee Vance version; the Hudson biography was written several years after the death of Drury Hudson's wife], then William was born by 1752, and William's family lived for a while in Maryland.

We are fortunate that William's grandson, **Silas Lee Vance**, recorded some of the family lore about his grandfather, **William Vance**, in a paper found among the effects of **Nancy Vance Edwards** which was in the possession of **Jo Law Durham** in 1978. He wrote:

In writing a history of the Vance family, I will have to depend on family tradition as I have no records of the family history. My great grandfather, **Alexander Vance**, immigrated from Old Virginia to Holston River, [now] West Virginia, sometime prior to 1780, then to Kentucky sometime in the 80s, settling at Pitman's Station, now in Green County, about five or six miles west of where Greensburg is now located and on the west side of Pitman Creek. . . So far as to what nationality the Vance family was descended from I cannot say.

**William Vance's** role as a Kentucky pioneer is confirmed by deposition testimony given in a case brought in 1818 by the heirs of **John Abney** to evict **Andrew Barnett** from land in Green Co. KY which was claimed by predecessors in interest to each of them. (*Abney v. Barnett*, GC CC #5257). Decision in the case was not rendered until 1837. Many people gave depositions during the 19 years the case remained pending—several more than one, and several mentioned William Vance. Testimony in the case establishes that in March of 1780, **William Vance** joined **William Pitman** and his wife **Sally**, **William Phelps** and his children (**Nicholas Phelps** and **Betsey Phelps Hamilton**), and others in attempting to establish a station about five miles from the fort **John Glover** had built the year before, in 1779. The site they selected was near the place where the old "Cumberland Trace" forded the Green River, as it ran roughly diagonally from what is now Nashville on the Cumberland River in Tennessee to Boonesboro, Kentucky. At Boonesboro, the Cumberland Trace intersected the Wilderness Trail, which went north from the Holston River in Tennessee and through the Cumberland Gap, reaching the Ohio River at what is now Louisville.

**William Vance** testified three times in *Abney v. Barnett*. Per abstracts by Barbara Wright, on 22 May 1821, he testified that "Pitman's Station is about a mile from Green River. . . I lived at Pitman's Station in March 1780. I knew Pitman Creek by the name of Sinking Creek from March, 1780 to March, 1781 at which time I left the country. . . I went to Virginia in 1781 and didn't return until 1784." Four years earlier, on August of 1817, he had given similar testimony in a case called *Craddock vs. Matlock* (GC CC #5942, filed August 16, 1816): "Trace Fork was called Middle Fork in 1780. I was not in the area in 1783 but returned in April, 1784 and it was still called Middle Fork. There was a buffalo trace on the western branch in the spring of 1780. I killed a buffalo on it. They were very common. I think I was in Virginia in 1782-1783. . . I was acquainted with the fork in 1780 and 1781 and 1784 and never heard it called Phelps Fork. A man named **Phelps** settled on it in 1785, so I imagine it took its name from him."

In the spring of 1781 both Pitman's Station and Glover's Station were abandoned as a result of Indian attacks, and their inhabitants disbursed. Some of the would-be settlers fled to other Kentucky stations. Others went back east to wait until the territory became safer for families. The Vances were among those who went back to Virginia. While there, **Alexander Vance** took the opportunity to obtain Treasury Warrant 9453, issued November 13, 1781 by the Commonwealth of Virginia. Most likely, this Virginia Grant was for service in the French & Indian War, as we have found no records indicating that Alexander had served in the Continental Line. Several years after he returned to Kentucky, Alexander used this Warrant to purchase land in present-day Green County, which he had selected during the first aborted settlement attempt.

It is generally accepted that **William Vance** served in **George Adam's** company of the Lincoln County, KY militia in 1782. The area now known as Green Co. was in the larger area called Lincoln County at that time. His father-in-law-to-be, **Richard Wooldridge** also served in the Lincoln Co. Militia in 1782. The payroll of this Company, certified by **Ben Logan**, lists William Vance as receiving pay from June 29, 1782 to July 25, 1782 (*Illinois Papers* #156, Va State Archives and DAR National

No. 508797). Accordingly he is listed in the *DAR Patriot Index*, 1979 edition, Vol II, p. 215. If this was indeed our William Vance, and not some other man of the same name, his service was too short to qualify for a pension, and there is no record of his having done so.<sup>3</sup>

On 15 December 1785, in what was then Nelson County KY, twenty-four-year-old **William Vance** married **Frances "Fanny" Wooldridge**, daughter of **Richard Wooldridge** and **Jane Roberts**. **Silas Lee Vance**, *supra*, wrote of William and Fanny's marriage:

My grandfather, William Vance, married a Wooldridge: I don't remember her name.<sup>4</sup> Their family consisted of four boys, **Alexander, Richard, John** and **William**, and nine girls, **Virginia (Hudson), Elizabeth (Hudson), Margaret (Hudson), Nancy (Milby), Mary (Marcum), Fannie (Wilson), Ruth (Hutchison), Charlotte (Wilson),** and **Rachel** who never married. My father, the second son, was born at Pitman's Station, now in Green County, Kentucky, December 15th, 1787 in a log cabin constructed with a thick door provided with strong bars to prevent the Indians from breaking into the house—with loop holes out in the wall of the house to shoot through at invading enemies. . . .After the Vances immigrated to Kentucky, they lived on wild game for two years and after they had cleared land and raised grain, the women would sometimes forget to cook bread. My grandfather W. Vance never shot at an Indian nor was he shot at by one. I will now give one instance of his prowess and courage: He had chased a bear into a cave with an opening just large enough for the bear to crawl through, but the interior widened into a considerable room. He made a torch of dry wood and tied it to a pole, set fire to the torch and crawled into the cave. As he moved the torch close to the bear, the beast knocked it out with his paw. William then backed out of the cave, relit the torch, crawled back into the cave with torch and gun, placed the torch so that it would shine on the bear and shot the bear, killing him. He got out of the cave quickly for fear that the bear might kill him in his death struggles.

On 15 Mar 1790 the Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia issued a grant for 714 acres on the waters of Pitman's Creek in Nelson Co. which had been surveyed for **Alexander Vance** on 3 Nov 1788, against the treasury warrant he had obtained in 1781. The acreage was bounded by land patented to **John Brooks, David White, John Phelps** and **William Pitman**. Three years later, Alexander partitioned this land, keeping about 300 acres for himself. Per Green County Deed Book ("*GC Deed Book*") 1:1-2, on March 14, 1793 Alexander and wife **Jane Vance** sold 100 acres of land to **John Hall**<sup>5</sup> and 307 adjacent acres to **William Vance** "being a part of a survey of 714 acres dated by patent

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<sup>3</sup>William's testimony in 1822 that "I went to Virginia in 1781 and didn't return until 1784" and his testimony in 1817 that he thought he "was in Virginia in 1782-3" raises question as to whether the William Vance who fought in the Lincoln Co. militia was the man who is the subject of this article. According to Jilson, *The Kentucky Land Grants*, Part 1, p. 131, a William Vance was granted 982½ acres on Pleasant Run in Jefferson County on 18 Jul 1783.

<sup>4</sup>**Silas Lee Vance** was born in 1837, six years after his grandfather Vance died. When he wrote his will on February 5, 1831, **William Vance** stated that his wife "is in a helpless condition" and we suspect that she died sometime before December of 1831, when the land in which she was left a life estate, was divided among William's thirteen children, as directed in his will. Silas' own father, **Richard Vance** (12 Dec 1787 Green Co. KY - 11 Nov 1858) died when Silas was twenty-one. Thus Silas probably never knew his grandmother Vance, and had lost his father at an age before he developed interest in his forbears, helping to explain why he did not know his grandmother's first name.

<sup>5</sup>By will dated January 27, 1821, **Elizabeth Sandidge** left to "daughter **Mildred Sandidge (now Hall)** and exclusive to her since her husband, **John Hall** is addicted to hard drinking. . . my personal property . . ." (GC WB2:130-133) This John Hall may have been the father of the **John H. Hall** who married **Alexander Vance's** granddaughter **Dorothy M. "Dolly" Abbott** on 3 Jun 1807 in Green Co.

March 15, 1790." These were the first two deeds officially recorded in Green County. In these and a few other early records found by Barbara Wright, the court clerk spelled the family surname "Vaunce", suggesting that the Vances pronounced their name with a long "a" as in "Vaughn" or "fawn", rather than with a short "a" as in "dance."

**William Vance** served with his father, **Alexander Vance**, on a grand jury called 11 Mar 1794 in Green County. The grand jury indicted **James Chism** for sabbath breaking, **Andrew Barnett** for retailing spiritous liquors, **Jeremiah Hooper** for drunkenness, **David Chanalor** for drunkenness, **John Wornal** for adultery, and **John Johnson** for retailing spiritous liquors. The 1797 tax list for Green County shows **Alexander Vance**, who must have moved, living on Little Barren Creek with 4 cattle and no horses, while **William Vance** continued to live on the 307 acres of land he had received from Alexander. The 1799 tax list stated that Alexander's 100 acres on the Little Barren Creek were "1st rate" and that they were "patented in the name of A.[Alexander] Vance and T.[Thomas] Skaggs." The 1804 tax list shows Alexander with the same 100 acres on Little Barren Creek, plus an additional 200 acres on Barren River "surveyed and patented in name of **Thomas Hall**." Curiously, the name "Alexander Vance" continues to appear on tax lists after 1810 when Alexander died. These listings, which do not show any property holdings, probably refer to William's eldest son, **Alexander Vance** (14 Apr 1786 Green Co. KY - 10 Oct 1858 Taylor Co. KY; VFA #798), who was born in 1786 and married in 1810.

On 20 March 1798, **William Vance**, **William Barnett** and **John Chism** were appointed guardians for the heirs of **William Pitman**, deceased. (*GC Deed Book* 1:217) By indenture dated 28 May 1811, William acquired from **Charles Brownlee** and **William Brownlee** for \$200, 1500 acres of land in Green Co. which were bounded by land of **John Abney**, Pitman's Creek, and Green River. (*GC Deed Book* 6:201) On 21 October 1815, William conveyed rights in 100 acres of Alexander's original 714 acre tract to the children of **John Hall** dec'd (**Michael W. Hall**, **James Hall**, **Edmond Hall**, **John C. Hall**, **John Dodd** and wife **Jane**, and **William D. Harlow** and wife **Frances**), most likely to clear title to the land which his father had sold to John Hall several years earlier. (*GC Deed Book* 8:231)

By indenture made 4 July 1818, **Richard Wooldridge**, then of the county of Adair, sold to his son-in-law **William Vance** for \$200, a tract of land in Adair Co. located on the waters of Greasy Creek and bounded by land owned by **John Coffee Wooldridge**, **S. [Salathial] Coffee**, **William Miller**, and **Henry Cooke**, per a copy of a deed found in the tray in the Green County Clerk's Office relating to the settlement of William Vance's estate. In the same file was found a letter which appears to be from William's brother-in-law, **David Wooldridge** to "cousin" **John Vance**, which may relate to rights in this land. However, we doubt that William ever removed to Adair County, because he name continues to appear in Green County records in connection with land transactions.

On 21 Oct 1818, William Vance purchased from **John K. Abney** and wife **Tamer** 135 acres on Green River for \$250. (*GC Deed Book* 8:505) On 25 Oct 1821, he acquired from **Abraham Hite** and wife, **Elizabeth** of Jefferson Co. KY, 164 acres on Green River which were included in John Abney's 1500 acre survey. On 2 Sep 1829, **William Vance** and **Thomas Skaggs** sold to **William Thompson** of Hart Co. 103 acres of land on the south side of Little Barren River which was part of the 200 acres patented to **Alexander Vance** and Thomas Skaggs. (*GC Deed Book* 13:136). On 1 Dec 1830, **Britton Carter** and wife **Charlotty** sold land to William Vance for \$162.50 (*GC Deed Book* 14:59). **William Vance**'s name appears many other times in the records of Green County, overseeing the upkeep of roads in his area, and so forth—the kinds of routine entries which were typical for responsible farmers of that time and place.

**William Vance** was about 70 when he died. His will was dated 5 Feb 1831 and recorded on 21 Mar 1831. (*GC Will Book* 2:193-5) It named four sons and nine daughters, one of whom died before him. It reads as follows:

In the name of God Amen. I **Wm Vance** of the County of Green and State of Kentucky . . . do leave this as my last will and Testament — Namely —That whereas two of my daughters, **Ruth Vance** and **Rachel Vance** are still living with their mother, who is in a helpless condition, if they shall after my decease, and she is still living, see proper to continue to keep house with her, they have the privilege as long as their mother lives to rent the plantation whereon I now reside for their support, with corn, meat, household and kitchen furniture sufficient for a comfortable subsistence and accommodation. Their bed and furniture they now claim are theirs bequeathed. I likewise bequeath to my aforementioned two daughters twenty five dollars cash each; also as long as their mother lives they are to have a sufficient supply of stock such as horses, cows, sheep and hogs as will support them, all which after their mother's death shall fall back to the general estate - I also will and bequeath to my son, **Richard Vance**, fifty dollars after the above bequeaths. I leave it as my last will and testament that my lands and property shall be equally divided among all my children namely **Alexander Vance**, **Richard Vance**, the heirs of my daughter **Jane Hudson** dec'd are to have their mother's part and likewise to my daughter **Margaret Hudson**, **Elizabeth Hudson**, **John Vance** and **Mary Marcum**, **William Vance**, **Nancy Milby**, **Ruth Vance**, **Fanny Wilson**, **Rachel Vance**, **Charlotte Wilson** my lawful heirs, and I do appoint my sons **Richard Vance** and **John Vance** my Executors. This I leave as my last will and testament. Given under my hand and Seal this 5th Feb 1831.

Test - **Thomas Henry**<sup>6</sup>

Signed **William Vance** (Seal)

Son **Richard Vance** responded to a complaint filed in 1831 by **John Miller** (GC CC #5304) seeking to attach **James B. Wilson**'s share of the estate in connection with an unpaid note for \$170.66 from **James B. Wilson**, then living in Illinois. A default judgment was entered against **James B. Wilson**, who did not appear in the proceedings, and the executors were ordered to pay \$60 to the plaintiff. In answering the complain, **Richard Vance** had admitted that

"Wilson his co-defendant married one of his sisters and is one of the devisees of his testators estate, and has not as yet received anything from said estate since the death of his father **William Vance**. The amount precisely of the personal estate that said Wilson is entitled to is not ascertained as yet. . .He is of the opinion that not more than \$60 of the personal estate will fall to the share of said Wilson. . .the land has been divided among the heirs and their shares allotted to the different devisees."

We suspect that **Fanny Wooldridge Vance** died a few months after William. In the December term of 1831, **Samuel L. Spencer**, **John L. Jackson**, and **J. L. Carter** presented their report of the survey of William's 306 acres of land, which they had divided into 13 parcels. As was the custom, William's children had drawn lots to determine which parcel each would receive.

We do not know where William and Fanny were buried. However, we suspect that it was on the plot which went to their daughter **Fanny Vance Wilson**, who had married **James B. Wilson**. In her will, dated 23 Jun 1850 (*GC Will Book 3:164-5*) Fanny, (Vance) Wilson had left "two acres. . .to the heirs of William Vance, my father, for a burying ground, including the present graveyard on my land upon which I now live." Many Vances and their kin are buried in this "Wilson Cemetery", on a farm near Gabe, Kentucky. A good many graves sites there are not marked at all, or are marked only by fieldstones.

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<sup>6</sup>Why was there only one witness? Was the original of the will holographic (eg, wholly in the handwriting of William Vance) or did the court clerk forget to name one of the witnesses when it was copied into the court record? **Alfred Calhoun** assisted **Thomas Henry** in proving the will, but the subject of his testimony is not known.



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| Name                  | Free White Males 16 & up<br>Including Heads of Families | Free White Males Under 16 | Free White Females<br>Including Heads of Families | All Other Free Persons | Slaves | County                            |
|-----------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|------------------------|--------|-----------------------------------|
| <b>Maryland</b>       |                                                         |                           |                                                   |                        |        |                                   |
| James Vance           | 1                                                       | 3                         |                                                   |                        |        | Harford                           |
| Samuel Vance          | 2                                                       | 3                         |                                                   |                        |        | Harford                           |
| David Vantz           | 1                                                       | 2                         | 3                                                 |                        |        | Baltimore, Baltimore Town         |
| <b>Massachusetts</b>  |                                                         |                           |                                                   |                        |        |                                   |
| Nathaniel Vance       | 4                                                       | 1                         | 6                                                 |                        |        | Bristol, Dartmouth Town           |
| <b>New Hampshire</b>  |                                                         |                           |                                                   |                        |        |                                   |
| James Vance           | 1                                                       | 1                         | 1                                                 |                        |        | Hillsborough, Fisherfield Town    |
| John Vance            | 1                                                       | 4                         | 3                                                 |                        |        | Hillsborough, Fisherfield Town    |
| <b>New York</b>       |                                                         |                           |                                                   |                        |        |                                   |
| George Vance          | 1                                                       | 3                         |                                                   |                        |        | Orange, Warwick Town              |
| James Vance           | 2                                                       | 2                         | 3                                                 | 1                      | 4      | Orange, Warwick Town              |
| John Vance            | 1                                                       | 1                         | 2                                                 | 1                      |        | Orange, Warwick Town              |
| Thomas Vanse          | 1                                                       | 3                         | 3                                                 |                        |        | Albany, Stephentown Town          |
| <b>North Carolina</b> |                                                         |                           |                                                   |                        |        |                                   |
| Alec Vance            | 1                                                       | 1                         | 3                                                 |                        |        | Stokes, Salisbury District        |
| Andrew Vance          | 1                                                       |                           | 6                                                 |                        |        | Mecklenburg, Salisbury District   |
| David Vance           | 1                                                       | 2                         | 3                                                 |                        |        | Martin, Halifax District          |
| David Vance           | 2                                                       | 1                         | 5                                                 |                        |        | Martin, Halifax District          |
| David Vance           | 2                                                       | 1                         | 5                                                 |                        | 3      | Burke, Morgan District            |
| David Vance           | 1                                                       | 2                         | 2                                                 |                        |        | Dobbs, Newbern District           |
| David Vance           | 3                                                       | 3                         | 3                                                 |                        |        | Mecklenburg, Salisbury District   |
| Elijah Vance          | 1                                                       | 1                         | 3                                                 |                        |        | Martin, Halifax District          |
| John Vance            | 1                                                       | 1                         | 1                                                 |                        | 1      | Halifax, Halifax District         |
| John Vance            | 1                                                       | 1                         | 2                                                 |                        |        | Martin, Halifax District          |
| John Vance Sr.        | 1                                                       | 2                         | 2                                                 |                        |        | Martin, Halifax District          |
| Valentine Vance       | 1                                                       |                           | 1                                                 |                        |        | Mecklenburg, Salisbury District   |
| <b>South Carolina</b> |                                                         |                           |                                                   |                        |        |                                   |
| David Vance           | 1                                                       |                           |                                                   |                        |        | Laurens, Ninety-Six District      |
| Isaiah Vance          | 2                                                       | 1                         | 2                                                 |                        |        | Laurens, Ninety-Six District      |
| Jacob Vance           | 1                                                       | 4                         | 2                                                 |                        |        | Pendleton, Ninety-Six District    |
| James Vance           | 1                                                       | 3                         | 4                                                 |                        |        | York, Camden District             |
| John Vance            | 1                                                       | 3                         | 3                                                 |                        |        | Spartanburgh, Ninety-Six District |
| Mathis Vance          | 1                                                       |                           | 2                                                 |                        |        | Spartanburgh, Ninety-Six District |
| Matthew Vance         | 2                                                       | 1                         | 3                                                 |                        |        | Greenville, Ninety-Six District   |
| Nathaniel Vance       | 2                                                       | 1                         | 3                                                 |                        |        | Laurens, Ninety-Six District      |
| Nicholas Vance        | 1                                                       |                           |                                                   |                        | 8      | Laurens, Ninety-Six District      |
| Samuel Vance          | 1                                                       | 4                         | 4                                                 |                        |        | Laurens, Ninety-Six District      |
| Thomas Vance          | 2                                                       | 1                         | 5                                                 |                        | 2      | Union, Ninety-Six District        |

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|------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|------------------------|--------|---------------------------------------|
| <b>Pennsylvania</b>          |                                                         |                           |                                                   |                        |        |                                       |
| Adam Vance                   | 1                                                       | 2                         | 3                                                 |                        |        | York, Monaghan Twp                    |
| Adam Vance (Blacksmith Shop) |                                                         |                           |                                                   |                        |        | Philadelphia, Southward Town          |
| Arthur Vance                 | 1                                                       | 1                         | 4                                                 |                        |        | Washington                            |
| David Vance                  | 1                                                       |                           | 1                                                 |                        |        | Fayette, Tyrone Twp                   |
| David Vance                  | 2                                                       | 2                         | 2                                                 |                        |        | Westmoreland, South Huntington Twp    |
| Gilbert Vance                | 1                                                       | 3                         | 4                                                 |                        |        | Westmoreland, South Huntington Twp    |
| Isaac Vance                  | 1                                                       | 2                         | 3                                                 |                        |        | Washington                            |
| Jacob Vance                  | 2                                                       | 1                         | 1                                                 |                        |        | Chester, East Nantmill Twp            |
| Jacob Vance                  | 1                                                       |                           | 1                                                 | 1                      |        | Chester, Trediffrin Twp               |
| Jacob Vance                  | 1                                                       |                           | 1                                                 |                        |        | Dauphin                               |
| Jacob Vance                  | 1                                                       |                           | 1                                                 |                        |        | Philadelphia, Northern Liberties Town |
| Jacob Vance                  | 1                                                       |                           |                                                   |                        |        | York, Monaghan Twp                    |
| James Vance                  | 1                                                       |                           | 4                                                 |                        |        | York                                  |
| John Vance                   | 1                                                       | 1                         | 2                                                 |                        |        | Dauphin                               |
| John Vance                   | 1                                                       | 1                         | 3                                                 |                        |        | Franklin                              |
| John Vance                   | 2                                                       | 1                         | 5                                                 |                        |        | Lancaster, Hempfield Twp              |
| Jonathan Vance               | 1                                                       | 2                         | 4                                                 |                        |        | Washington                            |
| John Vance                   | 1                                                       | 1                         | 1                                                 |                        |        | Washington                            |
| John Vance                   | 1                                                       | 1                         | 2                                                 |                        |        | York, Reading Twp                     |
| John Vance                   | 2                                                       |                           | 1                                                 |                        |        | York                                  |
| Joseph Vance                 | 2                                                       | 3                         | 3                                                 |                        |        | Washington                            |
| Margaret Vance               | 2                                                       | 1                         | 4                                                 | 3                      |        | Fayette, Tyrone Twp                   |
| Mary Vance                   | 1                                                       |                           | 2                                                 |                        |        | Washington                            |
| Oravan Vance                 | 1                                                       | 2                         | 3                                                 |                        |        | York                                  |
| Thomas Vance                 | 1                                                       | 3                         | 1                                                 |                        |        | Northumberland                        |
| Patrick Vance                | 2                                                       | 1                         | 3                                                 |                        |        | Fayette, German Twp                   |
| Patrick Vance                | 5                                                       | 3                         | 4                                                 |                        |        | Franklin                              |
| Peter Vance                  | 1                                                       |                           | 2                                                 |                        |        | York, Reading Twp                     |
| Phillip Vance (Blacksmith)   | 2                                                       |                           | 4                                                 |                        |        | Philadelphia, Southward Town          |
| Thomas Vance                 | 1                                                       | 4                         | 1                                                 |                        |        | Chester, East Nantmill Twp            |
| William Vance                | 1                                                       |                           | 3                                                 |                        |        | Chester, East Nantmill Twp            |
| William Vance                | 2                                                       | 2                         | 1                                                 |                        |        | Mifflin                               |
| William Vance                | 1                                                       |                           | 1                                                 |                        |        | Westmoreland, South Huntington Twp    |
| William Vance                | 1                                                       | 1                         | 1                                                 |                        |        | York                                  |
| Richard Vanse (Merchant)     |                                                         |                           |                                                   |                        |        | Philadelphia, Philadelphia City       |
| <b>Rhode Island</b>          |                                                         |                           |                                                   |                        |        |                                       |
| James Vance                  | 1                                                       |                           | 1                                                 |                        |        | Bristol, Bristol Town                 |
| <b>Vermont</b>               |                                                         |                           |                                                   |                        |        |                                       |
| James Vance                  | 1                                                       | 1                         | 2                                                 |                        |        | Orange, Newburg Town                  |
| John Vance                   | 1                                                       | 1                         | 4                                                 |                        |        | Orange, Newburg Town                  |
| John Vance                   | 1                                                       | 3                         | 6                                                 |                        |        | Orange, Newburg Town                  |

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The returns for the states of Delaware, Georgia, Kentucky, New Jersey, Tennessee and Virginia were destroyed when the British burned the capitol at Washington during the War of 1812. There were no Vance names listed in the 1790 census for the states of Connecticut or Maine. The following enumerations were reconstructed from tax lists and thus are not complete listing for each state. Those marked with an \* are from **Virginia Taxpayers Other Than Those Published by the United States Census Bureau** by Augusta B. Fothergill and John Mark Naugle.

| Name                    | White | Black     | County                          |
|-------------------------|-------|-----------|---------------------------------|
| <b>Virginia</b>         |       |           |                                 |
| James David Vance       | 7     | 3         | Frederick                       |
| Joseph Vance            | 3     |           | Frederick                       |
| Samuel Vance            | 8     |           | Frederick                       |
| William Vance           | 6     |           | Frederick                       |
|                         | White | Dwellings | Other Buildings                 |
| Clement Vance           | 1     | 1         | Pittsylvania                    |
| Handle Vance            | 3     | 1         | 2 Rockingham                    |
| Isaac Vance             | 3     |           | Shenandoah                      |
| Samuel Vance            | 6     | 2         | 5 Shenandoah                    |
| Wandle Vance            | 7     | 1         | Rockingham                      |
| William Vanse           | 11    | 1         | 6 Hampshire                     |
| *                       | Poll  | Slave     |                                 |
| Abner Vance             | 1     | 1         | Montgomery                      |
| Rev. Hugh Vance         | 1     |           | Berkley                         |
| John Vance              | 1     |           | Rockbridge                      |
| Joseph Vance            | 1     |           | Washington                      |
| Joseph Vance            | 1     |           | Rockbridge                      |
| Martha Vance            | 1     | 1         | Augusta                         |
| Patrick Vance           | 1     |           | Rockbridge                      |
| Robert Vance            | 1     |           | Berkley                         |
| Samuel Vance            | 1     | 2         | Augusta                         |
| Samuel Vance            | 1     |           | Washington                      |
| Thomas Vance            | 1     |           | Montgomery                      |
| Edmund Vances           | 1     | 1         | Montgomery                      |
| <b>Delaware</b>         |       |           |                                 |
| Adam Vance              |       |           | New Castle, St. Georges Hundred |
| John Vance, minor, land |       |           | New Castle, St. Georges Hundred |
| Joseph Vance            |       |           | New Castle, St. Georges Hundred |
| George Vance            |       |           | Sussex, Little Creek Hundred    |
| James Vance             |       |           | Sussex, Little Creek Hundred    |
| <b>Kentucky</b>         |       |           |                                 |
| David Vance             |       |           | Woodford                        |
| George Vance            |       |           | Lincoln                         |
| Joseph Vance            |       |           | Fayette                         |
| Joseph Vance            |       |           | Woodford                        |

Research of Mrs. Earl Vance

Submitted by Elinor Vance

### JUDGE SAMUEL V. FULKERSON



Samuel V. Fulkerson was the son of Abram Fulkerson and Margaret Vance and was born on his father's farm in the lower end of Washington County, Virginia, in the year of 1822. He was principally reared in Grainger County, Tennessee. He enlisted as a private in Colonel McClelland's regiment in the Mexican War, and served throughout the war with distinction. Samuel studied law and began practice of his profession at Estillville in 1846. In 1850, he was elected a member of the Constitutional Convention. In 1856, Samuel was elected judge of the Circuit Superior Court, defeating Joseph Strass of Tazewell County, and served until the spring of 1861. In 1861, he was elected and commissioned Colonel of the Thirty-seventh Virginia Regiment of Infantry. Samuel commanded this regiment until June 27th, 1862 when he was mortally wounded while leading the Third Brigade in a charge upon Chickahominy. He died the following day, and his remains were interred in the Sinking Spring Cemetery, Abingdon, Virginia. His career, in the words of another, was bright, brief and useful, and his name deserves to be inscribed in the catalogue of the names of gallant men who died for their country. Judge Fulkerson was never married.

### COLONEL ABRAM FULKERSON

Colonel Fulkerson was born on the 13th day of May, 1834, four miles north of Bristol, in Washington County, Virginia. His father was Abram Fulkerson, a captain in the war of 1812, and his mother was Margaret Vance. He graduated at the Virginia Military Institute in 1857. Abram Fulkerson taught school at Palmyra, Virginia and at Rogersville, Tennessee, and was at the latter when the Civil War began. He raised a company in Hawkins County, Tennessee, and joined the Ninth Tennessee Regiment at Knoxville, and was elected Major of the regiment. He was severely wounded at the battle of Shiloh. He assisted in organizing the Sixty-third Tennessee Regiment, and was commissioned Colonel on the 12th day of February, 1864 and was again wounded at the battle of Chickamauga. In 1866, Colonel Fulkerson began the practice of law, and rapidly rose to the front ranks. He was elected to the Virginia House of Delegates in 1871-1873; to the Senate of Virginia in 1877-1879. Abram Fulkerson died on December 17th, 1902 at his home in Bristol, Virginia.



Articles and pictures from: **History of Southwest Virginia 1746-1786, Washington County 1777-1870** by Lewis Preston Summers.

*Margaret Laughlin Vance (12 Sep 1794-22 Jun 1864) was the daughter of Samuel Vance & Margaret Laughlin; granddaughter of Samuel Vance and Sarah Colville. Margaret Laughlin Vance married Abram Fulkerson (3 Apr 1789-2 Oct 1859) on the 21st of November 1815 in Washington County, VA.*

*Judge Samuel Vance Fulkerson was born October 31, 1822 and died June 28, 1862. Colonel Abram Fulkerson was married to Selina Johnson. Abram and Margaret Fulkerson had two other children, James Lyon Fulkerson, who married Alice Gale Armstrong and Katherine Elizabeth Fulkerson (9 Jan 1832-14 Oct 1903), who married Floyd Breckenridge Hurt.*

*Abram and Margaret Fulkerson, Samuel V. Fulkerson, Floyd B. & Katherine E. Hurt are buried in Sinking Springs Cemetery, Abingdon, VA. Col. Abram Fulkerson is buried in East Hill Cemetery, Bristol, VA.*

*Submitted by: Mary Vance Norfleet*

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## WASHINGTON COUNTY, VIRGINIA MARRIAGE RECORDS

|                                           | DATE        | PARENTS (L-indicates parents listed) |
|-------------------------------------------|-------------|--------------------------------------|
| Vance, B. F. to Mollie Stickley           | 27 Mar 1878 | Isaac & Susan Vance-L                |
| Vance, David to Margaret Evans            | 10 May 1791 | Samuel C. & Elizabeth Vance          |
| Vance, David to Catherine D. Davis        | 20 Jan 1825 | Samuel & Margaret Vance              |
| Vance, E. B. to Sallie W. Warren          | 6 May 1873  | Patrick & Catherine Vance-L          |
| Vance, Emmitt C. to Margaret F. Collins   | 24 Mar 1878 | James H. & Rachel Vance-L            |
| Vance, Issac D. to Nancy Mary Vest        | 27 Aug 1894 | James H. & Rachel Vance-L            |
| Vance, James to Bethia Kinkaid            | 15 Aug 1782 | John & Jane Vance                    |
| Vance, James to Amelia Balfour            | 4 Nov 1817  | Samuel & Margaret Vance              |
| Vance, James to Mary Gobble               | 14 Jan 1845 | Joseph & Mary Vance                  |
| Vance, John to Helena Barnes              | 23 Nov 1815 | James & Bethia Vance                 |
| Vance, John to Anny C. Hagy               | 27 Sep 1821 | Samuel C. & Mary Vance               |
| Vance, John to Elizabeth Haydon           | 23 Oct 1834 |                                      |
| Vance, John to Emeline E. Thompson        | 11 Nov 1850 | Joseph & Mary Vance                  |
| Vance, John Apperson to Eliza A. Crawford | 23 Jan 1861 | Joseph & Mary Vance-L                |
| Vance, Joseph to Polly Apperson           | 25 Aug 1813 | James & Bethia Vance                 |
| Vance, Nicholas J. to Sarah Emeline Lewis | 16 Dec 1875 | John & Elizabeth Vance-L             |
| Vance, Peter F. to Martha Deck            | 25 Oct 1877 | Patton & Catherine Vance-L           |
| Vance, R. B. to Virginia L. Parks         | 13 Feb 1895 | James & Anna Vance-L                 |
| Vance, Thomas J. to Sarah F. Leonard      | 3 Jul 1900  | N. I. & Sarah Vance-L                |
| Vance, Wm. Anderson to Susan E. Williams  | 5 Mar 1887  | James H. & Rachel Vance-L            |
| Vance, William K. to Marie S. Doriat      | 22 Nov 1886 | William N. & Sarah Vance             |
| Vance, William M. to Virginia C. Scott    | 25 May 1880 | James A. & Mary Vance-L              |
| Vance, Amelia G. to Matthew T. Patton     | 11 Aug 1869 | J. S. & Amelia Vance-L               |
| Vance, Eliza to James King Gibson         | 19 Sep 1855 | James & Amelia Vance-L               |
| Vance, Elizabeth to Abraham Bradley       | 15 Jan 1801 | Samuel & Margaret Vance              |
| Vance, Elizabeth to James Logan           | 12 Apr 1810 | James & Bethia Vance                 |
| Vance, Elmira to Robert L. Campbell       | 25 Feb 1895 | L. S. & ? Vance-L                    |
| Vance, Emma to Eugene Croft               | 26 Jun 1888 | James A. & Mary J. Vance-L           |
| Vance, Esther to Steven Bovell            | 8 Mar 1798  | John & Jane Vance                    |
| Vance, Harriet to Jacob L. Sharp          | 12 Sep 1821 | Samuel & Margaret Vance              |
| Vance, Henrietter to Wm. D. Beckelheimer  | 6 Jul 1884  | ? & Sue T. Vance-L                   |
| Vance, Hetty B. to John Newhouse          | 4 Dec 1834  | James & Bethia Vance                 |
| Vance, Jane to Samuel Keller              | 10 Apr 1806 | Samuel & Margaret Vance              |
| Vance, Katie to Peleg Defreese            | 14 May 1879 | James A. & Mary Vance-L              |
| Vance, Laura M. to Peter S. Campbell      | 18 Feb 1886 | James A. & Mary J. E. Vance-L        |
| Vance, Lula to Campbell Clark             | 7 Aug 1895  | L. S. & ? Vance-L                    |
| Vance, Margaret to Abram Fulkerson        | 21 Nov 1815 | Samuel & Margaret Vance              |
| Vance, Margaret C. to Isaac L. Fleenor    | 29 Oct 1868 | Patrick & Catherine Vance-L          |
| Vance, Martha Ann to Andrew Williams      | 7 Feb 1854  | John & Elizabeth Vance-L             |
| Vance, Mary to James V. Logan             | 5 Jul 1838  |                                      |
| Vance, Mary Apperson to William Gobble    | 19 Sep 1854 | 2nd Marriage                         |
| Vance, Mary E. to F. C. Ringley           | 24 Dec 1884 | Patton & Catherine Vance-L           |
| Vance, Mary E. to William F. Davenport    | 4 Dec 1894  | James A. & Mary Vance-L              |
| Vance, Mary Jane to Ota H. Ward           | 21 Oct 1852 | Joseph & Mary Vance                  |
| Vance, Mary Jane to Milton Dodson Collins | 5 Nov 1860  | John & Elizabeth Vance-L             |
| Vance, Mary L. to William C. Gobble       | 23 Oct 1873 | John & ? Vance-L                     |
| Vance, Nancy C. to John T. Bott           | 19 Aug 1869 | John H. & Elizabeth Vance-L          |
| Vance, Nannie E. to James Dove            | 14 Nov 1882 | John & Eglanstone Vance-L            |
| Vance, Priscilla to John Huston           | 20 Jul 1835 |                                      |
| Vance, Sarah Isabelle to John S. Akers    | 30 Jul 1885 | John & Elizabeth W. Vance-L          |
| Vance, Sarah L. to William Clemens        | 17 May 1878 | James A. & Mary Vance-L              |
| Vance, Sarah L. to William W. Cook        | 20 Aug 1890 | John & Elzia Vance-L                 |
| Vance, Susan F. to Warren Crawford        | 15 Feb 1892 | Patrick & Catherine Vance-L          |
| Vance, Virginia A. to Wallace Evans       | 30 Dec 1879 | James A. & Mary Vance-L              |
| Vance, Virginia C. to Joseph Wyrick       | 9 Dec 1891  | Robert Scott & Susannah Vance-L      |

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(Names other than Vance will be cited if they have been closely associated with Vances.)

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Pg. 713. Fourth Company, commanded by Capt. Jacob Peterman: John Coheen, 22, 10, 0.

Pg. 728. Second Company, commanded by Capt. John Reyner: Stephen Stroyer, 6 days. 1, 12, 6. Henry Stroyer, 6 days. 1, 12, 6.

Pg. 729. Third Company, commanded by Arnold Francis. James Vaux, 5 days, 1, 7, 6. Frederick Steen, 5 days, 1, 7, 6.

Pg. 237. Third Company, commanded by Arnold Francis. James Vaux, 12 days, 3, 5, 0. Conrad Steen, 12 days, 3, 5, 0. Frederick Steen, 12 days, 3, 5, 0. Peter Skeen, 8 days, 2, 2, 6. Abraham Skeene, 7 days, 2, 0, 0.

Pg. 237. Fourth Company, commanded by Capt. Jacob Peterman. John Bryan, 8 days, 2, 5, 0. John Coheen, 5 days, 1, 7, 6. John Fry, 9 days, 2, 7, 6.

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Pg. 24. Officers and soldiers of the associated regiment of Lancaster County, over the River Susquehanna, 1747-8. Colonel - Benjamin Chambers.

Pg. 25. Officers of the two regiments of New Castle County, 1747-8. Pg. 26. Captain John Vance. Captain Alexander Porter. Captain William Armstrong. Pg. 27. Captain Archibald Armstrong. Lieutenant Thomas McCullough.

Pg. 52. List of the officers of the Lower Regiment, Newcastle County - 1756. St. George's Hundred. Captain John Vance. Ensign, Alexander Bryan. Pg. 53. Pencader Hundred. Lieut. Alexander Porter. Ensign, David Rowland.

Pg. 53. List of Officers of the Upper Regiment, Newcastle Co. 1756. New Castle Hundred. Captain Alexander Porter.

Pg. 524 - 529. Muster Rolls of the Pennsylvania Navy - 1776-1779. The Armed Boat Hawk. Commanded by Jonathan Cowpland, March 1, 1777 to April 1. Privates: John Vance March 18, 1777. Also, April 1, 1777. Also, May 1, 1777. Also June 1, 1777. Also July 1, 1777. Also, August 1, 1777, reported as sick. Also, September 1, 1777. Shepard Grimes September 1, 1777 and as a gunner November 1, 1777. John Vance, Gunner, November 1, 1777. John Vance, died, December 3, 1777 at Bristol.

Pg. 538 - 545. Muster Rolls of the Pennsylvania Navy 1776-1779. Jonathan Cowpland, Captain, January 1 to February 1, 1777. Thomas Hazelwood, Captain February 1, 1777. Andrew Vance, Private, mustered March 4 and noted again with same date. Andrew Vance, April 1, 1777. Joseph Evans, April 22, 1777. Andrew Vance and Joseph Evans, May 1, 1777. Also June 1, July 1,

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September 1, November 1, December 1. Andrew Vance, gunner, January 1, 1778; went down the river with Captain Wade on a cruise. From July 1, 1777 to August 31, Thomas Hazlewood, Captain, Joseph Evans, a private, JULY 1, September 1, October 1, 1777.

Pg. 593. The Montgomery, Captain Henry Dougherty, from December 1 1776 to January 1, 1777. John Vance, Orderly, July 22, 1776; absent without leave.

Pg. 648. Letters of Marque 1778- 1782. John Vance, Mate, aged 26 years. Stature 5 feet 11 inches, dark brown hair and fresh complexion.

Volume II

Pg. 22. Associators and Militia - Minutes of the Convention. James Findley and John Vance, Privates.

Pg. 323. County of Bucks. A return of the officers and Privets that marched the 3 October 1781 for New Town in Bucks County by Order of Council. Thomas Vance on list.

Pg. 402. Captain Henry VanHorn's Company of Militia, Commanded by Col. Joseph Kirkbride, Newtown, in Bucks county, January 22, 1777. John Vance, Corporal, December 27, 1776. Robert Watson, Private, January 17, 1777.

Pg. 481. Associators and Militia, County of Chester. Capt. Thomases Compy. 8th Class, Thomas Vance.

Pg. 484. A Return if the 4th Company Belonging to the First Chester County Battalion. 19th day of November 1781. Eighth Class: Thomas Vance.

Pg. 500. 8th Class. Thomas Vance.

Pg. 501. A Return of the 1st Batt., C. C. 2nd Class. Jas. Skeen (Steen?)

Pg. 530. Associators and Militia, County of Chester. Eastnantmel. 2nd Class, Jacob Vance.

Pg. 536. A Return of the Last Four Classes in the Second Battalion of Chester County Militia Commanded By Lt. Col. Thomas Bull who are ordered on a tour of duty immediately, Sept. 24th, 1781. 2d Compy. Willm. Vance, Jereiah Evans, Jesse Evans.

Pg. 803. Return of Men inlisted by Lieu. Henry Piercy for the 2nd Regt. Of Penn'a, 1778.

# 31. Dan'l Vance, Enlistment, Oct. 24th at Phila., attested by "Ord.". Paid 60, due 60, for enlisting each man, 16 dollars.

Pg. 857. County of Chester. A true list of the persons noticed to perform the tower of Militia duty given under my hand this 24th day of September 1781, Isaac Thomas, Capt. 8th Class, Thomas Vance.

Pg. 858, Pay roll of Capn. Hoalman's Company of Chester County Militia in September 1781.

Wm. Vance, Private, served 9 days.

Volume III

Pg. 132. Continental Line. John Vance.

Pg. 133. A return of Captain Jacob Humphrey's Company of the Sixth pennsylvania Regiment, Commanded by Colonel Josiah Harmar, Esq. September 9, 1778. Privates, John Crawford, Thomas Watson.

Pg. 246. Dr. The State of Pennsylvania to Alexander Russell of the 7th Penn'a for inlisting the undernamed recruits: No. 6. Dan Vance, 7 Nov. 1778, Bounty paid, deserted, 60.

Pg. 247. Roll of Capt. William Bratton's Company.

Pg. 298. # 6 Daniel Vance, Nov. 7, attested before John Agnew; Sent to camp Dec. 2nd. J. Reed, Pres'd signed. Pg. 300. Same list. Daniel Vance, Nov. 7, before John Agnew. Sent to camp Dec. 22d.

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Pg. 231. Bedford County Militia. Robert Adams Solomon Adams, Privates.  
Pg. 270. Bucks County Militia. James and William Craven, Privates.  
Pg. 276. Continental Line. Depreciation Pay. William Vance, Private.  
Pg. 277. Cumberland County Militia. Jacob, James, James, Joseph, Matthew, Thomas, William Adams, Privates. Samuel Agnew, Private. Pg. 306. Samuel Vail, Private. John Vance, Private. Thomas Vaund, Private. David and John Watson, Privates.  
Pg. 389. Washington County Militia. James Agnew, Private. Pg. 424. Isaac and John Vance, Privates. Pg. 425. Abram, James and Richard Watson, Privates. Pg. 426. David and James Wilson, Privates. James Wilson, Lieutenant. James Wilson, Ensign. Jeremiah, John, Joseph, Obediah Wilson, Privates. Obediah Wilson, sergeant. Pg. 427. Westmoreland County Militia. Isaac Agnew, Private.  
Pg. 458. Westmoreland County. David Vance, major. David Vance, private. George Vance, Captain. (No dates noted). Robert Watson, Private, Capt. Stokeley's Rangers. Robert Watson, Private, Guthrie's Company. Robert Watson, Private. Thomas Watson, Private. George Watson, Private. George Waugh, Private.  
Pg. 480. York County Militia. John, Philip and William Vance, Privates. Pg. 481. Henry Wilson, Private (Estate of). James and John Wilson, Privates. William Waugh, Private.  
Pg. 600. Continental Line, Soldiers of the Revolution. Samuel Carr, Private.  
Pg. 640. Cumberland County. George and John Vance, privates. David and John Watson, Privates.  
Volume VI

Pg. 71. An account of the 5th, 6th, & 7th Classes of the First Battalion of Cumberland County Militia, called to perform their tour of duty by an order of Council, dated the 1st day of August 1780.  
PG. 74. Associators and Militia. County of Cumberland. Fourth Company. 5th Class. Patrick Vance, Esqr. (Fined but) Remitted at Appeal. {See VFANL July 1994, Pg. 91-4} Charles Chambers. 6th Class. David Adams, Thomas Beatty & John Stump.  
Pg. 75. Sixth Company. 5th Class. Rannels Laughlin (fine but) Remitted at Appeal.  
Pg. 86. A Class Roll of the Fourth Company of the First Battalion of Cumberland County Militia Commanded by Col. Jas. Johnston. 4th Class. Ezikel Chambers. John Vance. Pg. 88. 5th Class. Jon. Lindsay. Patrick Vance. Charles Chambers. 6th Class. David Adams. 7th Class. James Lindsay. 8th Class. William Gass. (Was a deacon with Patrick Vance, also a witness, VFANL, July 1994, pg. 91) Witnessed 16 Aug. 1780.  
Pg. 119. Associators and Militia, County of Cumberland. A list of the commissioned, non commissioned officers & privates in their respective classes of the fourth company of the first battalion Cumberland County Militia commanded by Lieut. Jas. Johnston.-Jo's Crawford Clark. 4th Class. Ezachael Chambers. John Vance. 5th Class. Patrick Vance. 6th Class. David Adams. 7th Class. James Lindsay. 8th Class Wm. Gass. George Hutchison. Certified by Conrad Snyder, Capt., 6 Aug. 1781.  
Pg. 190. A list of ye male white inhabitants in ye 1st Company & 2nd Battalion of Cumberland Militia, Sept. 1781. Wm. Piper, Sergeant. 1st Class Joseph Davidson. John McKee. 6th Class. David Vance. Joseph Lindsay.  
Pg. 184. Cumberland County. Wm. Piper, Sergeant. 1st Class. John McKee. 6th Class David Vance. Joseph Lindsay I do swear the within is a true Return of all the Male White Persons inhabiting or residing within my company district, between the ages of eighteen and fifty three agreeable to the Militia law of this State to the best of my knowledge, 20th Sept. 1780, before: Thos. Buchanan. Wm. Moore, Capt.



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Pg. 281. An account of the eighth class of the fourth battalion of Cumberland County Militia. Called upon to perform a tour of duty by Council, March 14, 1781. Second Company. John Porter. John Taylor. Third Company. James Wilson. Fifth Company Wm. Wilson. Patrick McCullough. Seventh Company. Robert Cunningham. Eighth Company. George Vance. James McConnell.

Pg. 286. May 12, 1781. Capt. Samuel Patton. Thomas and John Kincaid, Sergeants. First Class. Wm. McConnell. Third Class. Joseph Armstrong. Fifth Class. Alex. McConnell. Sixth Class. Wm. McClelland. 7th Class. John Wilson. John Vance.

Pg. 298. County of Cumberland. Fifth Class. Charles Chambers. John McCullough. Sixth Class. Wm. McClelland. Eighth Class. George Vance.

Pg. 300. Second Class. Samuel Hutchison. John Vance. Eighth Class. George Vance. James McConnell.

Pg. 301. Class Roll of the First Company, Fourth Battalion of Cumberland County Militia, Commanded by Colonel Samuel Culbertson. 1781. Captain, John McConnell.

Pg. 538. Cumberland County. Fourth Class. Jn'o Nance? Fifth Class. Jn'o Lindsay. Patrick Vance. Charles Chambers. Sixth Class. David Adams. Seventh Class. Ja's Lindsay. Eighth Class. Fulton Lindsay. Wm. Gass. Wm. Gamble. Geo. Hutchison.

Pg. 544. Fifth Class. John Lindsay. Charles Chambers. Eighth Class. George Hutchison.

Pg. 546. Fourth Class. Jon'a Vance. Ezekial Chambers. Fifth Class. George Stofel. Pat. Vance. Sixth Class. David Adams. Seventh Class. Ja's Lindsay. Eighth Class. Wm. Gass.

Volume VII

Pg. 326. Associators and Militia. County of Lancaster. A return of ye 6th classes of the company, of Militia of Militia of Lancaster County 3d Bat. Commanded by Col. Alex'r Lowery. The 6th class of Capt. McKees. 8th. John Chambers. Sal. McCrackan. Wm. Wilson. Jon. Vance.

Pg. 542. 8th Class. Thomas Rowland, out of the Comp'y. Wm. McCullough, Capt.

Pg. 543. Lancaster County - a return of those who have served in the years 1778-1779.

John Armstrong, No command. Adam Vance, Serv'd Middeltown. John Wilson, gone to Cumberland.

Pg. 544. A return of the second compy. Of the 6th battalion of Lancaster County. Wm Vance, Lebanon.

Pg. 682. A return of Capt. Hugh Peden's Compy. October 28th, 1778. 5th class. Hugh Grimes. John Wilson. 6th class. James Hutchison. John Chambers. William Wilson. John Vance.

Pg. 692. L Class. Philip Gilman. 6 class. John Vance. Isaac Gilman. 7 class. William Porter. 8 class. John Porter. James Buchanan.

Pg. 694. Muster Roll of 2nd class, 7th batall. On a tour of duty at Lancaster. Archur Vance substituted for Nichelos Sprill, June 28 - Aug. 25.

Pg. 706. Roll of the 4th, 5th & 6th class of the 7th Battalion Lancaster County Militia on a tour of duty in Bucks County. 1781. John Vance, Private, 4th.

Pg. 731. 5th class, Danl Gilman. 6th class. Adam Wantz. Robt. Porter. 7th class. Robt. Caven.

Pg. 734. Lancaster County. 1781. Capt. Pat'k Hays. 6th class. John Vance. Isack Gilman. 7th class. Wm. Porter. James Buchanan.

Pg. 764. A true and exact list of the names of each and every male white person, in the sixth company, of the seventh battalion of Lancaster County, militia, between the age of eighteen and fifty-three years. Taken for the year 1782. Captain, Wiliam Wilson. 1st class, Philip Wiant. 2nd class. Arthur Vance. 5th class. Daniel Gilman 6th class. Arthur Chamberlin, John Vance.

Pg. 782. 7th class. James McKee. John McKee.

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Pg. 783. 6th class. John Vance. James Buchanan. Isaac Gilman. 7th class. William Porter.  
Pg. 1005. 5th Company of 10th Battalion, 13 April 1781. 1st class. John Porter. 3rd class Alexander Porter. 6th class John Vance. 7th class. William Vance.  
Pg. 1016. Fifth Company. William Vance. Sixth Company. Joseph Hutchison. Seventh Company. Adam Vertz.  
Pg. 1022. 5th class. William Vance. Christian Cridler.  
Pg. 1028. 1782. Wm. Vance. Christian Wertz.  
Pg. 1038. Sixth Class. John Vance. Seventh Class. William Vance. 10 May 1782, by Max'll Chambers.  
Pg. 1052. Mustered and passed before the Committee of Observation & Inspection in Lancaster the 3rd of August 1776. Charles Porter. David Watson. David Vance. Wm. Brown, Capt.  
Pg. 1053. Private, John Campbell. James Porterfield, private. John Cunningham, private.  
Pg. 1102. Class ye 3d. Ensign - John Armstrong. Class ye 1st. David Young, Middleton. Adam Vance. Class ye 5th. Hugh Watt, Lebanon. William Vance.  
Capt. McKinney's Compy. Max'll Chambers. Capt. Murray's Compy. Robert Armstrong.  
Pg. 1146 Grain and Forage for the Army. Alexander Porter, 2 bushels wheat, 2 bushels forage. John Wilson Sr. 2 bushels wheat, 2 bushels forage. John Wilson Jr. 2 bushels wheat, 2 bushels forage. John Wilson Jr. 2 bushels wheat, 1 bushel forage. Moses Vance. 2 bushels wheat, 2 bushels

*Story behind the article: New member Robert Seeberger sent an e-mail to your historian, Kathleen Mason stating he was a new member who lived in Pittsburgh, and was there any research that he could do. Immediately an e-mail was dispatched to him that we really needed every Vance reference in the PA Archives Series. So, Robert has begun that laborious task, and Virginia Lovett is getting good practice on her new computer. In due time, perhaps we can identify more of these men and tie some families together. Study carefully and send comments to Kathleen.*

**From 'Emigrants to Pennsylvania, 1641 - 1819.' Edited by Michael Tepper.  
Genealogical Publishing House, Baltimore, 1979.**

**ACCOUNT OF SERVANTS BOUND AND ASSIGNED BEFORE JAMES HAMILTON, MAYOR OF PHILADELPHIA.**

Page 133. July 3rd, 1746. William Humphreys assigns George Vance (a servant from Ireland in the ship Delaware) to John Moore of Phila. yeoman for four years from June 5th 1746. Consideration 14 pounds/10 customary dues.

**RECORD OF SERVANTS AND APPRENTICES BOUND AND ASSIGNED BEFORE HON. JOHN GIBSON, MAYOR OF PHILADELPHIA, DECEMBER 5TH, 1772-MAY 21, 1773.**

Page 199. January 11, 1773. Ludwig Reineck and Maria Eliza his wife, Feb 23rd 1773, last from Rotterdam, servants to James Vaux of Providence Township.

Page 209. February 23, 1773. Ludwig Reineck [note spelling difference from above], Jan 11th 1773, who with his wife Mary Elizabeth, servants to James Vaux, and assign'd by him to John Soltar of Phila.

Page 216. March 29, 1773. Maria Elizabeth Reineck, who with her husband Ludwig, servants to James Vaux and at the expiration of their time servants to John Shea of Phila.

**REFERENCES TO VANCES**  
**in the**  
**NATIONAL UNION CATALOG OF MANUSCRIPT COLLECTIONS**  
**1959-1993**

The National Union Catalog of Manuscript Collections, issued annually by the Library of Congress, provides succinct descriptions of manuscript collections in libraries all over the nation. Each volume is very well indexed. For example, if the Z. X. Smith collection includes correspondence with two dozen people, all twenty-four persons will be listed in the index (as well as Z. X. Smith himself). Each index entry refers the reader to a collection identified by a number such as 63-447. The first two digits indicate the year the collection was cited, and the following number (one to four digits) is the item number of that collection—like a page number, except that there are several collection summaries on each page.

The following list identifies all Vance listings in the volumes 1959-1993. (1959 was the first volume in the NUCMC series, and 1993 is the most recent, at the time of this writing, August 1996.) Since everyone on this list was a Vance, they are entered only by their given names. Among the 64 collections cited, only six are actually Vance collections. The remaining entries represent information pertaining to the Vance named that appears in someone else's collection, as indicated.

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| <p><b>Andrew</b> 62-4696<br/>In papers of Arthur Campbell, which include a writ in the case of Campbell vs. Andrew Vance, 1799.<br/>Filson Club Collections, Louisville KY.</p> <p><b>Arthur Turner</b> 62-2541<br/>In papers of Richard Harding Davis.<br/>Correspondence with ATV and others.<br/>Uni. of Virginia Library, Charlottesville VA.</p> <p><b>C. F.</b> 83-274<br/>In papers (1855-83) of James Shoolbred Gibbes. C. F. Vance is one of many correspondents.<br/>Charleston Library Society, Charleston SC.</p> <p><b>Charles N.</b> 77-615<br/>Son of Zebulon B. Vance; correspondence in ZBV papers.<br/>Uni. of N.C. Library, Chapel Hill NC.</p> <p><b>Clarence Hayden</b> (1888- ) 84-640<br/>Papers of Clarence H. Vance, a historian. c. 7000 items.<br/>Columbia Uni. Libraries, New York NY.</p> <p><b>Cyrus Robert</b> (1917-- ) 83-1690<br/>In papers of Hervey G. Machen, a lawyer and Congressman. CRV is one of several correspondents. (cont.)</p> | <p>U. of Md. Library, College Park MD.</p> <p><b>C. R. V. (cont.)</b> 85-344<br/>In Oral History Collection. Transcripts of interviews with CRV and several other military leaders relating to their careers and/or problems of the Armed Forces, 1900-1985.<br/>U.S. Army Mil. Hist. Institute, Carlisle Barracks PA.</p> <p><b>C. R. V. (cont.)</b> 87-424<br/>Institute for World Order. Records (1948-82) of an organization founded to promote peace, justice, ecological balance, etc. CRV one of a dozen persons cited.<br/>Rutgers Uni. Lib., New Brunswick NJ.</p> <p><b>C. R. V. (cont.)</b> 93-777<br/>In papers (1950-83) of Patricia Harris.<br/>Correspondence with CRV and a score of other political leaders.<br/>Lib. of Congress, Ms. Division, Washington DC.</p> <p><b>David</b> (d. 1882) 76-414<br/>In Medical and Dental Papers, 1854-1956.<br/>Diaries and records (1869-79) of DV concerning his dental practice in Ill. and Mo. (Papers of four others included.)<br/>Nebr. State Hist. Soc., Lincoln NE.</p> |
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- Elbridge Putnam** (1915- ) 93-907  
YMCA/YWCA of Oberlin College records,  
1863-1971. Incl. corresp. with EPV, prof.  
of math at Oberlin College.  
Oberlin College Archives, Oberlin OH.
- Elijah** 75-979  
Description and Travel collection, 1788-  
1871. Authors and correspondents include  
EV and c. 25 others.  
Ohio Hist. Soc. collections, Columbus OH.
- Harriet N. (Espy)** (1832-78) 74-605  
Wife of Zebulon B. Vance; correspon-  
dence in ZBV papers.  
N. C. State Div. of Archives and History,  
Raleigh NC.
- H. N. (E.) V. (cont.)** 77-615  
In ZBV papers.  
Uni. of N. C. Library, Chapel Hill NC.
- James Isaac** (1862-1939) 62-1404  
Papers of James Isaac Vance, author and  
minister, esp. First Pres. ch., Nashville.  
Tenn. State Lib. and Archives, Nashville TN.
- John Holbrook** (1916-- ) 69-95  
Papers (1938-66) of John Holbrook Vance,  
author and TV writer.  
Boston Uni. Libraries, Boston MA.
- John R.** 79-1441  
In Dwight E. Gard papers (1941-45).  
Gard's WWII experiences in Philippines  
and Taiwan, annotated by Col. Vance.  
U. S. Army Mil. Hist. Institute, Carlisle  
Barracks PA.
- Joseph** (d. 1824) 90-1025  
Papers (1797-1815) of Joseph Vance,  
chiefly letters to JV relating to his work as  
surveyor, engineer and land agent in  
Franklin County, Ohio.  
Ohio Hist. Soc. Library, Columbus OH.
- J. (cont.)** 75-955  
In papers of George Leroy Converse. Incl.  
corresp (1801-16) with JV, surveyor of  
Franklin County, Ohio.  
Ohio Hist. Soc. Library, Columbus OH.
- Joseph** (1786-1852) 75-1216  
Papers (1808-38) of Joseph Vance, state  
legislator, U. S. Repr. and Gov. of Ohio.  
Ohio Hist. Soc. Library, Columbus OH.
- J. (cont.)** 60-2510  
In papers of Charles Hammond. Incl.  
corresp. (1801-40) with JV.  
Ohio Hist. Soc. Library, Columbus OH.
- J. (cont.)** 69-1771  
In papers of John H. James.  
Rutherford B. Hayes Lib., Fremont OH.
- J. (cont.)** 71-1536  
In Oran Follett papers. Incl. corresp.  
relating to JV and controversy about the  
Mad River and Lake Erie railroad.  
Cincinnati Hist. Soc. coll., Cincinnati OH.
- Kenneth** 80-1678  
Letters of KV to his family (c. 500 items)  
while he was a soldier in WWII (1943-45).  
Bentley Hist. Lib., U. Mich., Ann Arbor MI.
- Lawrence M.** 91-861  
In papers of his father, Samuel C. Vance.  
Indiana Hist. Soc. Lib., Indianapolis IN.
- Louis Joseph** (1879-1933) 72-179  
In papers of Ellis Parker Butler. Incl.  
corresp with LJV.  
Uni. of Iowa Lib., Iowa City IA.
- Philip** (1904-- ) 76-2082  
Banks and Banking; oral hist. interviews,  
1973, with 14 persons incl. PV, officers  
and employees of Springfield Marine Bank  
relating to the bank's centennial, the De-  
pression, and banking practices.  
Brookens Lib., Sangamon State Uni., and Ill.  
State Hist. Lib., Springfield IL.
- Robert Brank** (1793-1827) 70-750  
In papers of Samuel Price Carson, some of  
which concern a duel between Carson and  
RBV in which RBV was killed.  
Uni. of Tex. Lib., Tex. Archives, Austin TX.
- Rupert Bayless** (1899-1975) 75-486  
Southern Intellectual Leaders: oral history  
collection, 1970-72. Interviews with RBV  
and five others.  
Columbia Uni. Lib., New York NY.

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| <b>S. W.</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | 82-1526 | Cain, Patrick H.                                      | 60-3309 |
| In Coosaw Company records, 1892-1913.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |         | Duke Uni. Lib., Durham NC.                            |         |
| A phosphate mining company based in Charleston. Correspondents include SWV, a phosphate inspector.                                                                                                                                                                                             |         | Carr, Elias                                           | 73-494  |
| S. C. Hist. Soc., Charleston SC.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |         | East Car. Uni. Lib., Greenville NC.                   |         |
| <b>Samuel C.</b> (d. 1830)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | 91-861  | Davis, Jefferson                                      | 61-1512 |
| Papers (1788-1902) of Samuel C. Vance and his son Lawrence M. Vance and <u>his</u> sons, George, Harvey, Laddie and Samuel C. The elder SCV was an army paymaster and founder of Lawrenceburg, Indiana. This entry number replaces the earlier number, 62-276, which was a smaller collection. |         | Duke Uni. Lib., Durham NC.                            |         |
| Indiana Hist. Soc., Indianapolis IN.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |         | Governors' Papers                                     | 63-66   |
| <b>William</b> (a confederate soldier)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | 61-2676 | Duke Uni. Lib., Durham NC.                            |         |
| In papers of the Keith Family, 1776-1916.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |         | Hill, Daniel Harvey                                   | 67-880  |
| Virginia Hist. Soc., Richmond VA.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |         | N. C. State Div. of Archives and History, Raleigh NC. |         |
| <b>Wilson J.</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | 75-1217 | Hunter, Charles N.                                    | 61-1477 |
| Papers (1885-89) of Wilson J. Vance, a lawyer of Findlay OH and Washington DC.                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |         | Duke Uni. Lib., Durham NC.                            |         |
| Ohio Hist. Soc., Columbus OH.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |         | Jarratt Family                                        | 68-1564 |
| <b>Yandray W.</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | 77-380  | Duke Uni. Lib., Durham NC.                            |         |
| Papers of Rudolph R. Reti (1885-1957) include corresp with YWV and 5 others.                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |         | Little-Mordecai Family                                | 74-601  |
| Lib. of Cong., Music Div., Washington DC.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |         | N. C. State Div. of Archives and History, Raleigh NC. |         |
| <b>Zebulon Baird</b> (1830-94)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | 74-605  | Lynch, James D.                                       | 66-887  |
| Papers of Zebulon B. Vance and family.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |         | Miss. State Uni. Lib., State College MS.              |         |
| N. C. State Div. of Archives and History, Raleigh NC.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |         | Magrath, Andrew G.                                    | 66-582  |
| <b>Z. B. V.</b> (second collection.)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | 77-615  | Uni. of S. C. Lib., Columbia SC.                      |         |
| Papers of Z. B. V. and family members.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |         | Merrimon, Augustus S.                                 | 78-2167 |
| Uni. of N. C. Library, Chapel Hill NC.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |         | Uni. of N. C. Lib., Chapel Hill NC.                   |         |
| <b>Zebulon B. Vance</b> papers may also be found in 27 other collections, listed below.                                                                                                                                                                                                        |         | Patterson, Samuel F.                                  | 62-1615 |
| Papers of:                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |         | Duke Uni. Lib., Durham NC.                            |         |
| <b>Branch, Lawrence O'Bryan</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | 77-1206 | Pettigrew Family                                      | 62-4988 |
| Uni. of Va. Lib., Charlottesville VA.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |         | N. C. State Div. of Archives and History, Raleigh NC. |         |
| <b>Brown, William Vance</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | 64-366  | Robins, Marmaduke S.                                  | 64-1096 |
| N. C. State Div. of Archives and History, Raleigh NC.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |         | Uni. of N. C. Lib., Chapel Hill NC.                   |         |
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|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |         | Duke Uni. Lib., Durham NC.                            |         |
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Simpson and Biddle Families 60-802  
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Spencer, Cornelia (Phillips) 66-1884  
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Raleigh NC.

Stokes, William B. 61-1289  
Tenn. State Lib. and Archives, Nashville TN.

Swain, David L. 66-1252  
N. C. State Div. of Archives and History,  
Raleigh NC.

Whitfield, Nathan B. 65-714  
N. C. State Dept. of Archives and History,  
Raleigh NC.

Wilmington, N. C., and the Lower Cape Fear  
Area During the Civil War: a guide to  
resources. 82-995  
William Madison Randall Library,  
Uni. of N. C. at Wilmington NC.

Worth Family 71-1670  
Duke Uni. Lib., Durham NC.

Worth, Jonathan 67-883  
N. C. State Dept. of Archives and History,  
Raleigh NC.

**Vance genealogy--general.** Descriptions of  
two collections indicate that they contain infor-  
mation on many families, including Vance.  
They are:

Papers of John A. Blakemore (1894-1986), a  
lawyer and genealogist. 89-1901-1902  
Genealogical information on dozens of  
families, including Vance, that had some  
Virginia connections.  
Virginia Historical Society, Richmond VA.

Papers of Grace De Cou Zintgraff 79-1261  
De Cou family papers (1881-1954) include  
genealogy of Vances and several other related  
families.  
Uni. of N. Dak. Lib., Grand Forks ND.

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Cincinnati Historical Society  
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Cincinnati OH 45202

Columbia University Libraries  
535 West 114th St.  
New York NY 10027

Duke University Library  
Durham NC 27706

East Carolina University Library  
P. O. Box 2744  
Greenville NC 27835

Filson Club  
1310 South Third St.  
Louisville KY 40208

Illinois State Historical Library  
Old State Capitol  
Springfield IL 62706

Indiana Historical Society  
William Henry Smith Historical Library  
315 West Ohio St.  
Indianapolis IN 46202

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..... Division  
Washington DC 20540

Mississippi State University  
Mitchell Memorial Library  
P. O. Box 5408  
Mississippi State MS 39762

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*- Research of Maurice Vance*

## Some "German" Vances

Submitted by Joseph H. Vance

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Recently, I renewed a long-ago correspondence with Virginia Vance Lovett. We are both VFA members. She told me that Kathleen Mason would like to have a 3-page summary of some "German" Vances for *VFA Newsletter*. I wrote about these families in *The Vance Family Scrapbook*, a book that I published in 1970.

These families were living in western Pennsylvania in the late 1700's and then emigrated to Ohio about 1807.

Actually, these families were not German nor did they consider themselves as such. The Holy Roman Empire survived until 1806 in the region we now call Germany. From 1806 to 1871 the political subdivisions of the area (duchies, kingdoms, bishoprics, provinces, etc.) were independent or allied in various loose confederations. In 1871 this area was consolidated into a nation known as Germany. Before that time we heard of Hessians, Palatines, Wurtembergers, etc. Beginning in 1871, these people were called Germans. Early in American history these immigrants were bound together by a common language. They tended to live in their own communities, attended their own churches and schools and intermarried with other German-speaking people.

John and Jacob Wantz (Vance) headed households that settled in what is now Somerset Co., PA. Although I have found no primary proof, strong circumstantial evidence indicates that these men were brothers.

Closson Press published in 1989: *Church Records of Berlin, Somerset County, Pennsylvania*. This is the combined Church Book of congregations of both Evangelical Lutheran and Evangelical Reformed, translated from German by E. C. Saylor. There are a number of entries for children of John and Jacob Wantz (Wentz, Vance). Their records were from 1793 to 1807. These families must have moved to Ohio en masse; they have no entries after 1807.

I have not been able to find out from whence these families came. Our first records have them in Bedford and Somerset Counties, PA. They lived in German-speaking communities, attended Lutheran and Reformed Churches and intermarried with German-speaking families. Early spelling of the name as Wantz and Wentz indicates likelihood of Germanic origin. Most of these families and their descendants changed the spelling to Vance, but there are still a few who use the Wantz spelling.

Somerset Co., PA was created 17 Apr 1795, cut from western portion of Bedford Co. In 1795 there were four church buildings in the county: at Jersey Church, Berlin, Addison and Salisbury.

Strassburger's *Pennsylvania German Pioneers: Ship Halifax, captain Thomas Coaten, from Rotterdam, last from Cowes, 22 Sep 1752, foreigners took obligations to the government. Among the passengers: Michael Wantz. Rupp's *Thirty Thousand Names* records this same ship arrival but spells the name Michael Wants. Relationship, if any, of this Michael Wantz (Wants) to John and Jacob is unknown.*

### John Wantz (Vance, Wentz, Vantz)

b. 29 Dec 1769, PA. d. 25 Sep 1845, Harrison Twp., Preble Co., OH; bur. Roselawn cem., Lewisburg, Preble Co., OH.

m. Eve Elizabeth Long, PA. b. 5 Mar 1766. d. 21 Nov 1845, Harrison Twp., Preble Co., OH; bur. Roselawn cem.

*History of Preble County, Ohio 1798-1881* (H. Z. Williams & Bros.): pgs. 318, 330: John Vance was native of Pennsylvania, where he married Elizabeth Long. In spring of 1807, John emigrated from Somerset County, Pennsylvania with his family to Preble County, Ohio. They traveled by wagon to Brownsville, thence by Ohio River to Cincinnati by flat-boat. The team was brought through by land and arrived at Cincinnati 2 weeks in advance of arrival of the boat. At Cincinnati the journey was resumed by wagon. In latter part of April the family arrived in Lanier Township, where Mr. Vance had entered 160 acres of land. They rolled up a log cabin, cleared a piece of ground and had a crop in that same spring. After living there 2 years, Mr. Vance moved to Harrison Township, settling a mile south of Lewisburg, where he afterwards lived. They had 11 children.

#### (1) Anna Mary Wantz (Vance)

b. 8 Mar 1789, PA. d. 29 Nov 1865, Preble Co., OH; bur. Roselawn cem.

m. Nicholas Coleman, 16 Jun 1808 (by Wm. Swisher, JP), Harrison Twp., Preble Co., OH. s/o John Coleman (Johannes Kullman) and Susan (Susannah) Foust (Faust). b. 25 May 1781, Somerset Co., PA. d. 25 Jul 1851, Preble Co., OH; bur. Roselawn cem.

Children: (1) Catherine, b. 28 Apr 1811, d. 11 Oct 1863; m. Daniel Diefenbaugh, 8 Jun 1828, Preble Co.; both bur. Roselawn cem. (2) Salome ("Sally"), b. 14 Mar 1813, d. Oct 1849, Whitley Co., IN; m. William Hapner, 19 Sep 1830, Preble Co. (3) John, b. 8 Apr 1815, d. 10 Oct 1894; m. Tryphena Diefenbaugh, 14 Feb 1839, Preble Co.; both bur. Roselawn cem. [Tryphena: see Romans 16:12 (KJV)]

Daniel and Tryphena Diefenbaugh were children of Rev. Henry Diefenbaugh, renowned pioneer minister of the German Reformed Church.

This family resided in Preble Co., OH.

#### (2) Martin Wantz (Vance)

b. 23 Dec 1790 PA. d. 11 Dec 1855; bur. Benton Lutheran cem., Elkhart Co., IN.

m. Barbara Stiver (Staver), 4 May 1813 (by Andrew Simon, minister of German Lutheran Church), Preble Co., OH. d/o Adam Staver and Martha (Fanny) Dupes. b. 10 Mar 1792, PA. d. 3 Mar 1888; bur. Benton Lutheran cem.

Children: (1) Fannie, m. ---- Sprout; ---- Rupp. (2) Margurette, m. Christian Heltzel. (3) Mary ("Polly"), b. ca 1816; m. John Rodgap (Roadgap). (4) John, b. 17 Jan 1818; m. Catherine Long. (5) Susannah, b. 23 Sep 1818; m. Jacob Shupert. (6) Rebecca C., m. Jacob Heltzel. (7) Adam; b. 17 Aug 1825. (8) Frederick. (9) John Valentine. (10) Barbara Ann, b. 8 Apr 1837; m. John P. Musser, 25 Jun 1854. Adam, Frederick and John Valentine were married and left heirs.

This family moved to Elkhart Co., IN.



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- (3) **Maria (Mary) Elizabeth ("Betsy") Wantz (Vance)**  
b. 1 Feb 1793, Bedford (now Somerset) Co., PA: bapt. 11 Aug 1793; recorded in Church Book of both the Lutheran and Reformed churches, Berlin, Somerset Co., PA.  
m. Thomas J. Phillips, 9 May 1812 (by William Leas, JP), Preble Co., OH.  
This family moved to Jay Co., IN.
- (4) **Margaret ("Peggy") Wantz (Vance)**  
b. 5 Apr 1795, PA. d. Before 4 Mar 1847.  
m. (1st) John Stiver (Staver), 8 Sep 1814. (by Andrew Simon, minister of German Lutheran Church), Preble Co., OH. b. ca 1791, PA. To Ohio 1808. Lawyer. Justice of the Peace, member of state legislature, county commissioner.  
m. (2nd) Abraham Garber.  
Preble County Common Pleas Court record (chancery), 4 Mar 1847; Margaret (deceased), her children named: (1) Solomon Stiver of Whitley Co., IN; (2) Absalom Stiver of Preble Co., OH; (3) Mary, wife of David Baschere of Wabash Co., IN; (4) Catharine, wife of John Jourdan of Preble Co., OH; (5) Elizabeth Garber; (6) John Garber; (7) Jacob Garber; (8) David Garber; (9) Susannah Garber; the last five being minors and all of Wabash Co., IN.  
This family moved to Wabash Co., IN.
- (5) **Catharine Wantz (Vance)**  
b. —, PA. d. —.  
m. Jacob F. Smith  
This family moved to Randolph Co., IN.
- (6) **John P. Wantz (Vance)**  
b. ca 1799 (51 in 1850 census), PA. d. —.  
m. (1st) Mrs. Susannah Catherine [Lock] Etzler d/o Johannes (John) Lock and Saloma Bastian. b. 13 Apr 1787, Frederick Co., MD. d. 3 Aug 1846, Preble Co., OH; bur. Roselawn cem. Susannah Catherine Lock m. (1st) John Etzler in MD. Moved to Preble Co. in 1816; had 4 children. Married John P. Vance after John Etzler's death.  
m. (2nd) Mrs. Delilah [Eaton] Argarbright, 25 Mar 1847 (by Jacob Gruber, MG), Preble Co., OH. b. ca 1808, VA. Delilah Eaton m. (1st) Abraham Argarbright, 2 Oct 1826. They had 8 children.  
Children of John P. Vance: (1) Saloma, b. 1823; m. Cornelius Clemens. (2) John J., b. 1827; m. (1st) Margaret Argarbright, (2nd) Mrs. Charlotte [Stout] Coleman. (3) Levi B., b. 1830; m. Elizabeth L. Argarbright. It is possible that John P. and Delilah had a son James P. Vance (Wantz) who lived at Omak, Okanogan Co., WA.  
John P. Vance moved from Preble Co. to Elkhart Co., IN about 1865. His obituary says he left a wife and 7 children, but some of these may have been step-children.
- (7) **George Wantz (Vance)**  
b. 1801, PA d. 4 May 1847, Preble Co., bur. Roselawn.  
m. Sarah ("Sally") Juday (Judy), 29 May 1827 (by Samuel Kesler, JP), Preble Co., OH. d/o Frederick Juday. b. 13 Mar 1808; d. 25 Nov 1897; bur. Roselawn cem.  
Children: (1) Catharine, b. ca 1828, m. Perry Wysong, 4 Mar 1851 (applied), Preble Co. (2) Lydia Ann, b. 1829, d. 1853, bur. Roselawn cem. (3) Andrew, b. ca 1834.  
This family stayed in Preble Co.
- (8) **Jacob Wantz (Vance)**  
b. 23 May 1803, PA. bapt. 10 Sep 1805, German Reformed Church, Berlin, Somerset Co., PA. d. 2 Jan 1886; bur. Roselawn cem.  
m. Elizabeth Juday (Judy), 19 Apr 1827 (by Samuel Kesler, JP), Preble Co., OH. d/o Frederick Juday. b. 25 Mar 1805, VA. d. 6 Mar 1870; bur. Roselawn cem.  
Children: (1) Eve Elizabeth, b. 11 Jan 1828, m. John Jordan. (2) Sarah, b. 1831, d. 1863. (3) Isabella, b. 6 Jun 1834. (4) Maria, b. 26 May 1837, m. John Ashbaugh. (5) Isaac, b. 16 Mar 1840, m. Catharine Houk, 29 Nov 1863, Preble Co. (6) Lydia, b. 6 Feb 1842. (7) Amanda, b. 30 Nov 1844. Two additional children died in infancy.  
This family stayed in Preble Co.
- (9) **Frederick Wantz (Vance)**  
b. 28 Sep 1804; bapt. 8 Feb 1807, PA. d. 19 Sep 1879.  
m. Catharine Wysong, 24 Jun 1830 (by William Glad-den, JP), Preble Co., OH.  
This family moved to Whitley Co., IN.
- (10) **Michael Wantz (Vance)**  
b. 1 Dec 1809, OH. d. 22 Apr 1881; bur. Cleveland Township cem., Whitley Co., IN.  
m. Mary Smoyer, 27 Oct 1831 (by J. Gruber, MG), Preble Co., OH. b. 13 Apr 1814; d. 12 Jul 1868; bur. Cleveland Township cem.  
This family moved to Whitley Co., IN.
- (11) **Sarah (Saloma) ("Sally") Wantz (Vance)**  
b. ca 1812, OH. d. 1888, KS; bur. 5 Feb 1888, Rose-lawn cem. She had gone to Kansas to be with her daughter, Mrs. Sarah Elizabeth [Wikle] Oldfather.  
m. Daniel Wikle, 15 Dec 1831 (by Jacob Gruber, MG), Preble Co., OH. b. 21 Jan 1809, PA. d. 11 Apr 1876, Preble Co., OH; bur. Roselawn cem.  
Children: (1) John, b. ca 1835. (2) Henry, b. ca 1837. (3) Sarah Elizabeth, b. ca 1839; m. J. Hiram Oldfather. (4) Jacob, b. ca 1841. (5) Daniel A., b. ca 1847. (6) Samuel, b. ca 1850  
This family resided Harrison Twp., Preble Co., OH.
- Jacob Wantz (Vance, Wentz, Yantz)**  
b. 2 Oct 1771, PA. d. 19 Apr 1835, Harrison Twp., Preble Co., OH; bur. Roselawn cem., Lewisburg, Preble Co., OH.  
S/o ———Wantz and Mary Fisher  
m. Sarah Wringer (Ringer), PA. d/o Mathias Wringer (Ringer) and Magdalene Robinson. b. 28 Jun 1780, PA. d. 13 Nov 1858, Preble Co., OH; bur. Roselawn cem.  
Preble Co., OH Will Book B, pg. 395, dated 18 Mar 1835: Names 11 children: sons—John, Frederick, Jacob; daughters—Magdalene, Susan, Margaret, Mary, Hannah, Catharine Acre (deceased), Elizabeth Price (deceased), Sally Miller (deceased). Mentions wife, living but not named. Mentions children of daughters Catharine, Eliza-beth and Sally but does not name them. Signed Jacob (his X mark) Wantz. Executors: son-in-law John McNutt and son John Wantz. Witnesses: Garland Harris, John Rex.  
A 12th child is buried beside parents in Roselawn, but stone is badly worn and cannot be read completely.

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- (1) **Elizabeth Wantz (Vance)**  
b. 1798. PA. d. Before 18 Mar 1835.  
m. David R. Price. 2 Feb 1818 (license date), Preble Co., OH.
- (2) **Catherine Wantz (Vance)**  
b. 1800. PA. d. Before 18 Mar 1835.  
m. John Acre (Aker).  
Preble Co., OH Common Pleas Court records: 21 Feb 1825. John Wehrley appointed guardian of Jacob Acre 6, Michael 4, Elizabeth 3 and John 18 months. 3 Apr 1837, Peter McNutt appointed guardian for John Acre 14 on 20 Mar 1837, child of John Acre; bond John McNutt.
- (3) **Sarah ("Sally") Wantz (Vance)**  
b. 9 Oct 1802, PA. d. Before 18 Mar 1835  
m. Gabriel Miller, 4 Oct 1829 (by William Leas, JP), Preble Co., OH.
- (4) **Frederick Wantz (Vance)**  
b. 28 Feb 1804, PA. d. 10 Oct 1878; bur. Brown cem., Benton Twp., Elkhart Co., IN.  
m. Elizabeth ("Betsy") Wolfe, 29 Apr 1824 (by Samuel Kesler, JP), Preble Co., OH. b. 12 Jul 1801; d. 7 Apr 1881; bur. Brown cem.  
1850 Harrison Twp., Preble Co. census lists these children for Frederick and Elizabeth Wantz: Nelson 17, Elizabeth 13, Benton 11, Nancy 8, Jacob 5.  
This family moved to Elkhart Co., IN.
- (5) **Magdalene Wantz (Vance)**  
b. 10 Feb 1806, PA. d. 11 Aug 1846, Preble Co., OH.  
m. John McNutt, 3 Jul 1825 (by Samuel Kesler, JP), Preble Co., OH. s/o Alexander McNutt and Elizabeth ("Betsy") Tillman. b. 20 Dec 1801, TN. John McNutt m. (2nd) Mary Jane Whitlock. He was living in Wisconsin in 1881.  
Children of John and Magdalene (Wantz) McNutt: (1) Sarah, b. 1828; m. Samuel Danner, 8 Oct 1846, Preble Co. (2) Mary, b. 1829. (3) Alexander, b. 1831; d. 28 Apr 1876 [drowned]; m. Mary E. ---, b. 1831. IN. Child of John and Mary Jane (Whitlock) McNutt: (1) Elnora Jane, b. 1854.
- (6) **Jacob Wantz (Vance)**  
b. 11 Feb 1809, Preble Co., OH. d. 23 Sep 1886, Noble Co., IN; bur. Salem cem., Perry Twp., Noble Co., IN.  
m. Margaret Price, 15 Feb 1831 (by William Gladden, JP), Preble Co., OH. d/o John Henry Price and Hannah B. Grisim [Grissom ?] b. 1 Jan 1815, Preble Co., OH. d. 18 May 1904; bur. Salem cem.  
This couple moved to Elkhart Co., IN in 1834 and to Perry Twp., Noble Co., IN in 1836. Cleared 160 acres of land. Farmers. Retired; moved to Ligonier, IN in 1881.  
Children: (1) Sarah Ann, b. 35 Jul 1835; d. 20 Jan 1895; m. Joseph S. Long (1829-1879). (2) Harrison, b. 8 Aug 1838, d. 9 Jan 1911; bur. Salem cem.; m. Jane Teaford (1840-1863), 23 Feb 1860; bur. Salem cem. (3) Mary Ellen, b. 1841/42, d. ---; m. Levi Nelson Redman (b. 1839/40). (4) Caroline, b. 1849/50; m. --- Long. (5) Desaline, b. 1855, d. 6 Sep 1873. (6) Jacob Henry, b. 15 Jun 1859, d. 25 Jun 1924; bur. Oak Park cem., Ligonier, IN. m. Mahala Wysong (1864-1930), 30 Aug 1885.
- (7) **Susannah ("Susan") Wantz (Vance)**  
b. 5 Jan 1812, Preble Co., OH. d. 29 Dec 1867, Elkhart Co., IN; bur. Brown cem., Benton Twp., Elkhart Co.  
m. Abraham Friend, 18 Mar 1830 (by William Leas, JP), Preble Co., OH.  
This family moved to Elkhart Co., IN.
- (8) **John Wantz (Vance)**  
b. 10 Apr 1814, Preble Co., OH. d. ---.  
m. Sarah Juday (Judy).  
John was farmer. Harrison Twp., Preble Co. John's mother, Sarah (Wringer) Wantz was living with him and wife, Sarah, in 1850 census.  
Children (1850-60 censuses): (1) Henry, b. ca 1837. (2) Katharine, b. ca 1839. (3) Sarah, b. ca 1842. (4) Jacob, b. ca 1844. (5) Elizabeth, b. ca 1847. (6) Mary, b. ca 1849. (7) Martha J., b. ca 1852.
- (9) **Eva Margaret Wantz (Vance)**  
b. 20 Dec 1816, Preble Co., OH. d. 14 Jul 1875, Preble Co., OH., bur. Roselawn cem.  
m. Peter McNutt, 1832. s/o Alexander McNutt and Elizabeth ("Betsy") Tillman. b. 8 Aug 1811, Preble Co., d. 3 Feb 1898, Preble Co.; bur. Roselawn. Peter m. (2nd) Mrs. Catharine [Etzler] Rogers (1823-1894), ca 1880.  
Children: (1) Jacob, b. 3 Oct 1834, d. 12 Jul 1899; m. Salome Catharine Lock (1830-1906), 18 Feb 1855, Preble Co. (2) Delilah, b. 25 Jan 1836, m. William Price, 21 Oct 1858, Preble Co. (3) John J., b. 9 Jun 1837, d. 1915; m. (1st) Charlotte J. Aikman, Oct 1858; (2nd) Eliza L. Brumbaugh (Brundage ?), 25 Dec 1875, Darke Co., OH. (4) Abraham, b. 18 Oct 1838; m. Sophia Werts, 24 Jan 1860, Preble Co. (5) George Washington, b. 15 Mar 1841, d. 28 Jan 1898; m. Mary C. Mooney (Rooney), 9 Mar 1865, Preble Co. (6) Samuel, b. 8 Jan 1844, d. 17 Feb 1883; m. Elizabeth ("Lizzie") Goeller, 8 Apr 1877, Preble Co. (7) Julius A., b. 30 Jul 1846, d. 23 Aug 1924; m. Julia A. Horner, 22 Dec 1870, Preble Co. [Julia, age 19, d. 1871 of typhoid fever]. (8) Sarah Elizabeth b. 30 May 1848. (9) Susannah (Susan), b. 28 Dec 1851, d. 1925; m. John B. Archer, 11 May 1871, Preble Co. (divorce 1883). (10) Mary Salome (Solona "Loma"), b. 30 Jan 1856; m. Jacob Huffman, 11 May 1879, Preble Co.
- (10) **Mary Wantz (Vance)**  
b. 5 Oct 1819, Preble Co., OH. d. 2 Feb 1881, Preble Co., OH.  
m. Tobias McNutt, 5 Jan 1837 (by Jacob Gruber, MG), Preble Co., OH. s/o Alexander McNutt and Elizabeth ("Betsy") Tillman. b. 22 Jul 1813, d. 3 Aug 1857.  
Children: (1) Hulda, b. 29 Jan 1838, d. 21 Jul 1894; m. Daniel Hockert. (2) Sarah Jane, b. 29 Jun 1840, d. 23 Mar 1924; m. Robinson Hosetter. (3) James Oscar, b. 5 Feb 1848. (4) Ferdinand Juan Citoe, b. 22 Feb 1855.
- (11) **Hannah Wantz (Vance)**  
b. 7 Apr 1822, Preble Co., OH. d. 30 Dec 1898, Noble Co., IN.; bur. Salem cem., Perry Twp., Noble Co., IN.  
m. William Bunker, 9 Sep 1841 (by Jacob Gruber, MG), Preble Co., OH.  
This family moved to Noble Co., IN.

**William Vance of Maine**  
Research by Shirley Kroustollis

William Vance was born about 1759 in South Carolina and was educated as a lawyer. Near the beginning of the 1800's, William moved Maine. He became a resident of Baring and in 1805 he erected a saw-mill. Baring was long known as Vance's Mills. William first leased and then purchased a large amount of land around Barings for his large lumbering operations. He also had land holdings in New Brunswick, Canada. William was reportedly a man of strong personality and force of character. His large three story home in Baring was named Mount Defiance.

William Vance was a member of the Constitutional Convention at Portland in 1819 and a representative in the Maine Legislature in 1823, 1825, 1827 and 1829 from Calais, Maine. William was appointed a justice of peace and quorum by Governor King. In the later years of his life, he moved to Readfield and represented that town in the Maine Legislature in 1837. William Vance died in Readfield in 1841, aged 82 years. In his will (dated May 14, 1840) he devised "my new brick School-house and one quarter of an acre of land, to School No. 5 Readfield to be used for the education of little Children."

William's son, James P. Vance, was a lawyer and represented the town of Calais in 1837 State Legislature, but afterwards left the law for the ministry and went west. William's youngest daughter became the wife of Honorable Lot M. Morrill; Governor of Maine, 1858; U.S. Senator, 1861-1863, 1863-1869, 1869-1871, and 1871-1876 and was appointed Secretary of the Treasury by President Grant in 1876.

**Vanceboro, Maine**

The town of Vanceboro in the extreme northeastern part of Washington County, Maine was named in honor of William Vance. In 1871, the European and North American Railway, later renamed the Maine Central, was completed from Bangor to Vanceboro and opened this section of Maine. Vanceboro was incorporated as a town in 1874. A large tannery owned by F. Shaw & Brothers, later as United States Leather Company, operated in Vanceboro until 1910.

Early settlers in the town were Clendening, Maxwell, Holbrook and Kellogg, storekeepers; Sprague, custom house office; Ross, hotel keeper and sheriff; Hanson, blacksmith and Keefe, a lumberman.

Research from: MAINE CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION, 1819-1820, Debates and Journal

**JOHN VAUSE, LANCASTER COUNTY, VIRGINIA**  
**Research of Julie Perry**

**Lancaster County, Virginia Order Book Abstracts 1662-1666, by Ruth & Sam Sparacio.**

Pg. 11: Lancaster County Court 20th of October 1662

Mr. Henry Corbyn to collect of these pisons at 32 p poll: for 6016

**JO: VAUSE 10**

Pg. 14: **Mr. CUTH: POTTER & JOHN VAUSE** are by this Cort appointed to apprise one Stone Horse found belonging to the Estate of **Mr. EDWYN CONNOWAY**. deced., wth: in one moneth.

Pg. 18: The difference dependenge betweene **WM: FRIZLE. Plt. & JOHN VAUSE, Deft.**, in accon of Assault & Battery, is referred to the next Cort. in Course.

Pg. 24: **ROBT: KEMPE** dischargd from the office of **CONSTABLE & JOHN VAUSE** appointed to succede hym & bee sworne by the next Coissioner.

Pg. 26: Lancaster County Court ( ) September 1663

**EDWARD ( ). JOHN VAUSE** and **HENRY NICOLLS** are appointed to view a picell of lande in difference between the orphts. of **JOHN WELCH (?)** Deced. and **RICHARD LEWYS**, & to make report thereof to the next Cort. helde for this Countie.

Pg. 30: **MATHEW KEMPE**, Gent., High Sher: of this Countie, to collect of the sevall p:sons hereafter menconed 62 ½ p poll

**JO: VAUSE 8**

Pg. 33: A difference dependenge at this Cort., betweene the Orphts. Of **JOHN WELCH, deced., & RICHARD LEWYS ( )** a p:cell of Lande wch: beinge referred by the ( ) **JOHN VAUSE, EDWARD ( ), ( ) WILLYS**, wch: p:sons on ( ) the sd. Orphts. did this daye appeare ( ) it ( ) that the sd. Lande bee ( ).

Pg. 48: **JOHN VAUSE** is dischargd from the Office of **CONSTABLE & WILL: COPELAND** is appointed to succede hym & was sworne in Cort.

Pg. 57: Lancaster County Court 14th of ( ) 1664. A p:bate of the last Will & Testamt. of **MR> JOSEPH SMITH** (deced) is granted unto **ELIZ:** the now wife of **ROBT: PRICE** accordinge to the Will of the sd. (deced.) **JOHN VAUSE, HENRT NICHOLLS, ROBERT CHOWNINGE & RICHD: LEWYS** are ordered to apprise the Estate & to bee sworne by the next Justice.

Pg. 61: List of tithables Lancaster County Court ( ) of October 1664.

**JO: VAUSE 8**

Pg. 66: It appeareing to this Cort. that **JOHN VAUSE** stands indebted unto **JO: JEFFRYES, ESQR., & THO: COLCLOUGH** of London, Merchts., in the quantitie of 111 lb. of tob: & ca: by Acct. It is ordered that the same bee forthwth: pde. wth: costs by the sde. **VAUSE** & is in full ball: of all Accts. betweene them.

Pg. 90: List of tithables lancaster County Court 8th of October 1665

**JO: VAUSE 5**

**Lancaster County, Virginia Order Book Abstracts 1666-1669, by Ruth & Sam Sparacio.**

Pg. 8: Ordered by this Cort. That the p:sons hereafter menconed bee Surveyours of the Highwayes for the yere ensueing (vizt.) For the Northside, **WM: LENNELL & DAN: HARRISON, NICH: GEORGE & ROBT. PRITCHETT, JOHN SANSDAY (?) & NATHANIEL BROWNE**, for the Southside **NICH: COCKE & THO: WARWICKE, ROBT. CHOWNING & HEN: THACKER, WM. BUTCHER & JO: SMITH, WM: WATSON & JO: GORE, WM: DUDLEY & JOHN NEEDLES, THO: WILLYS & JO: VAUSE**. It is alsoe further ordered that they doe cleere the Highwayes in their sevall lymitts accordinge to Acte by the last of Jan: upon ye penaltie of 1000 lb. Of tobaccoe each Surveyour

Pg. 10: List of tithables Lancaster County court 14th of November 1666





## Kathleen's Korner

**Is a trip to Les Baux, France** in your future plans? VFA Patricia Cosby, her husband Lewis, their daughter and her girl friend have returned from a visit. She had nothing but praise about the experience. They especially enjoyed a beautiful luncheon at Baumaniere below Les Baux, and called it an event of a lifetime. Patricia wishes to share her good fortune with fellow members. A

friend of hers had told her about a lovely 3 bedroom, 2 ½ bath, living room, kitchen, etc. home that they rented for \$400.00 a week in Aix-de-Provence, about 30 miles from Les Baux. The owners stay in their guest house when they rent their home. It is near St. Mt. Victoriere that Cezanne painted 64 times. If you go through an agent in London, the price doubles. The address is: Mrs. Segond, La Vacanciere, Plateau de Beauregard, 13100 Aix-en-Provence, France. Don't forget to send us a card! Thanks Patricia for this information.

**Errata/Update:** Photo VFA Oct. 1996, pg. 148. Long time member W. E. Vance is also a son of Ernest Adrian Vance. New Member Beverly Vance Thompson is the granddaughter of Robert (not shown), thus the great granddaughter of William Edgar Vance and Margaret (not Mary) Jane Harbin. Does anyone else see a resemblance between William Edgar Vance and Gov. Zebulon Vance? Not trying to claim close kin, just a his facial features and build are very similar.

**Bluefield, Virginia Mini-conference.** I would be remiss if I did not mention this wonderful meeting. Quinton Dale and Margaret Vance had a perfect weekend planned, including the colorful trees. This is beautiful coal mining country. It was nice to see familiar faces, as well as meeting members that I have known only by letters and phone calls. We also visited Opequon Church in Frederick Co., VA. They seek to identify all Vances in that cemetery. Because of tombstone destruction during the Civil war they feel the present record is incomplete. Contact me if you have some names not of record. Sinking Springs Cemetery at Abingdon was also visited, and we saw Samuel & Sarah Colville's Vance's tombstone, as well as Samuel Jr. and Margaret Laughlin Vance new tombstones. Helen and Elmer Coyer spent several days in Abingdon researching, and an article will be coming soon.

**Famous Last Words:** *Insight, pg. 34 (didn't copy date)*

"I think there is a world market for maybe five computers."  
Thomas Watson, chairman, IBM, 1943.

"Computers in the future may weigh no more than 1.5 tons."  
Popular Mechanics, 1949

"There is no reason anyone would want a computer in their home."  
Ken Olson, president and founder of Digital Equipment Corp. 1977.

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**COTTON, Sylvia**

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| (9442) COTTON, Ronald E  | B-15 Nov 1962 BC  | D-               | M-10 Oct 1987 BC  | (9443) WILSON, Sylvia J   | B-7 Nov 1964 BC   | D-               |
| (9444) WILSON, Robert M  | B-7 Feb 1934      | D-               | M-10 May 1958 Aus | (9445) BULMAN-FLEMING, DB | 22 Jul 1927 CA    | D-               |
| (9446) BULMAN-FLEMING, E | B-21 Apr 1888     | D-3 Aug 1943 CA  | M-10 Mar 1914 Alb | (9447) VANCE, Annie       | B-21 Nov 1896 Alb | D-9 Nov 1946 BC  |
| (9448) VANCE, Robert J   | B-11 Jul 1849 Ont | D-12 Jul 1922 AB | M-25 Nov 1890     | (9450) LAGACE, Helen      | B-22 Mar 1874 Ont | D-16 Feb 1958 BC |
| (9451) VANCE, James      | B-Abt 1814        | D-2 Apr 1901 Ont | M-Bef 1842        | (9452) GRAHAM, Ann        | B-Abt 1823        | D-4 Dec 1895 Ont |

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**Ann Arbor MI 48104**

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| (9488) HENDERSON, John W | B-8 Feb 1945 NY  | D-               | M-19 Dec 1970 | (9490) DORR, Frances E   | B-17 Sep 1922 NY | D-               |
| (9489) HENDERSON, John W | B-14 Nov 1921 GA | D-Abt 1980 CA    | M-4 Mar 1944  | (9492) FISK, Margaret V  | B-10 Sep 1904 PA | D-12 Aug 1986 NY |
| (9491) DORR, Merion E    | B-9 Mar 1902 ME  | D-17 May 1977 NY | M-14 Jan 1922 | (9494) ELLIS, Margaret C | B-22 Oct 1877 NE | D-26 Jun 1964 FL |
| (9493) FISK, Miles B     | B-25 Oct 1874 PA | D-28 Feb 1959 NY | M-11 Oct 1893 | (9496) VANCE, Margaret F | B-2 Jul 1850 PA  | D-1930 NY        |
| (9495) ELLIS, Abner      | B-7 Jul 1840 NY  | D-23 Feb 1901 NY | M-22 Feb 1874 | (9498) MCFALL, Margaret  | B-15 Sep 1827 PA | D-2 Nov 1960 PA  |
| (9497) VANCE, Lorenzo    | B-Abt 1816       | D-See Notes      | M-2 Sep 1848  | (9500) COMFORT, Charity  | B-21 Jan 1789 NY | D-10 Mar 1862 PA |
| (9499) VANCE, James      | B-27 Oct 1777    | D-23 Jun 1856 PA |               |                          |                  |                  |

**LUTZ, Joan Kelley**

**10579 La Fuente St**

**Fountain Valley CA 92708**

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| (9428) WINNEGAR, Richard | B-               | D-               | M-5 Sep 1970 CA  | (9427) LUTZ, Joan K      | B-8 Aug 1945 NY  | D-               |
| (9426) LUTZ, John G      | B-12 Feb 1911 IA | D-               | M-18 Apr 1936 IA | (9425) KELLEY, Eleanor M | B-23 Apr 1913 IA | D-               |
| (9424) KELLEY, Wilber T  | B-15 Jul 1883 IA | D-6 Jan 1961 IA  | M-17 Feb 1908 IA | (9423) FARRENS, Ella I   | B-27 Feb 1882 IA | D-11 Mar 1959 IA |
| (9422) FARRENS, William  | B-15 Feb 1859 IA | D-8 Jun 1936 IA  |                  | (9421) NEALEIGH, Hulda   | B-22 Jan 1861 IA | D-25 Jan 1899 IA |
| (9420) NEALEIGH, Levi    | B-24 Nov 1832 OH | D-29 Jun 1900 OR | M-27 Jan 1853 OH | (9419) COLVILLE, Eleanor | B-5 Nov 1836 OH  | D-8 Mar 1863 IA  |
| (9417) COLVILLE, Charles | B-25 Nov 1808 OH | D-1 Dec 1838 OH  | M-1 May 1834 OH  | (9417) HART, Sarah       | B-30 Oct 1814 NJ | D-16 Dec 1880 OH |
| (9415) COLVILLE, Joseph  | B-1763 VA        | D-1825           | M-1791 OH        | (9416) WILLS, Elizabeth  | B-Abt 1776 VA    | D-               |
| (9413) COLVILLE, Samuel  | B-1734 VA        | D-1823 VA        | M-Abt 1755       | (9414) SANDERS, Mary     | B-Abt 1737 VA    | D-               |
| (7178) COLVILLE, James   | B-1695 Ire       | D-1777 VA        | M-1720 VA        | (7179) VANCE, Ann        | B-1700 Ire       | D-               |

**PACE, Marjorie Faye**

**5124 N Vanderbilt**

**Portland OR 97203**

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| (9476) PACE, Neil N Sr  | B-               | D-               | M-20 May 1988 OR | (9477) BESS, Marjorie F | B-18 Mar 1952 OR | D-               |
| (9478) BESS, Ed         | B-2 Nov 1908 MO  | D-2 Apr 1970 OR  | M-5 Jul 1930 OK  | (9479) DAVIS, Lois A    | B-3 Mar 1912 OK  | D-22 Dec 1984 OR |
| (9480) DAVIS, Albert W  | B-15 Dec 1878 MO | D-16 Mar 1963 OK | M-11 Jun 1902 OK | (9481) VANCE, Lucinda M | B-1 May 1880 MO  | D-1 Nov 1918 OK  |
| (9482) VANCE, Robert J  | B-28 Oct 1856 MO | D-5 Nov 1937 OK  | M-2 Jan 1875 AR  | (9483) WRIGHT, Martha E | B-19 Jan 1855 AR | D-1897           |
| (9484) VANCE, William M | B-27 Oct 1826 WV | D-30 Mar 1905 MO | M-11 Oct 1843 VA | (9485) WATHAM, Nancy E  | B-26 Apr 1825 WV | D-Mar 1872 MO    |
| (9486) VANCE, David     | B-Abt 1803 VA    | D-               |                  | (9487) MINK, Sally      | B-1803 VA        | D-               |

**PHILLIPS, Betty**

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| (9475) PHILLIPS, Melvin | B-1924           | D-               |                  | (9474) DICKSON, Betty P  | B-1927           | D-               |
| (9473) DICKSON, Collier | B-1885           | D-1968           |                  | (9472) GROVES, Hallie L  | B-1897           | D-1982           |
| (4989) GROVES, Elijah W | B-4 Dec 1872 TN  | D-17 Jul 1956 TX | M-11 Aug 1896 TX | (4988) VANCE, Pearl A    | B-14 Dec 1874 MS | D-14 Jul 1942 TX |
| (4074) VANCE, John B    | B-13 May 1828 SC | D-21 Oct 1880 TX | M-10 Aug 1865 MS | (4987) WARD, Lucinda E   | B-11 Jan 1839 AL | D-16 Apr 1884 TX |
| (3519) VANCE, William M | B-6 Mar 1792 SC  | D-7 Apr 1836 SC  | M-20 Jul 1820    | (4066) EDERINGTON, Eliza | B-1 Nov 1798 SC  | D-18 Oct 1866 MS |
| (1025) VANCE, Nathaniel | B-1762 NC        | D-4 Nov 1812 SC  | M-27 Mar 1788 SC | (1026) MCTIER, Mary D    | B-6 Mar 1769     | D-11 Nov 1842 SC |
| (1621) VANCE, Samuel Sr | B-1726           | D-26 May 1789 NC |                  | (101) UNK, Alice         | B-               | D-               |

**ROCKWOOD, Vivian Valera**

**1902 Kenwood Drive**

**Johnson City TN 37604**

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| (9379) HINE, Clifford W  | B-1906    | D-1953    | M-1950    | (9380) ROCKWOOD, Vivian  | B-1911 IA | D-        |
| (9381) ROCKWOOD, Merle C | B-1879 MN | D-1937 IA | M-1910    | (9382) DAVISON, Myrtle M | B-1887 IL | D-1962 IA |
| (9384) DAVISON, Cyrus E  | B-1865 IL | D-1953 TX | M-1887 IL | (9385) VANCE, Ida E      | B-1863 IL | D-1953 TX |
| (9386) VANCE, John G     | B-1827    | D-1878    | M-1855 IL | (9387) JONES, Eleanor E  | B-1823    | D-1911    |

**VANCE, Mike**

**4414 Grass Valley**

**Houston TX 77018**

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| (9579) VANCE, Michael D  | B-24 Mar 1959 TX | D-               | M-16 Jul 1995 TX | (9578) MAGDALENA, Theodo | B-17 Aug 1922 TX | D-16 Jun 1991 AL |
| (9577) VANCE, Dawson M   | B-2 Mar 1917 KY  | D-               | M-20 Feb 1943 TX | (9576) BENNETT, Fronia C | B-26 Mar 1880 KY | D-14 Mar 1952 KY |
| (9575) VANCE, Samuel F   | B-12 Dec 1877 KY | D-22 Dec 1969 TX | M-1902 KY        | (9574) PREWITT, Nancy V  | B-7 Aug 1842 KY  | D-30 May 1911 KY |
| (9573) VANCE, Coleman C  | B-9 Sep 1842 KY  | D-20 Dec 1914 KY | M-Abt 1863       | (6607) CAVIN, Naomi      | B-10 Jun 1804    | D-3 Mar 1858     |
| (6606) VANCE, William Jr | B-17 Aug 1800 KY | D-Aft 1870       | M-11 Dec 1824 KY | (406) WOOLDRIDGE, Franc  | B-Abt 1764 VA    | D-Aft 1831       |
| (405) VANCE, William     | B-Abt 1760 VA    | D-5 Feb 1831 KY  | M-15 Dec 1785 KY | (408) UNK,               | B-1743           | D-               |
| (407) VANCE, Alexander   | B-Abt 1732 VA    | D-Bef 24 Dec KY  |                  |                          |                  |                  |

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| (8197) VANCE, Ronald K  | B-28 Aug 1948 CO | D-               | M-30 Jan 1987 CO | (8198) WAGNER, Betty A   | B-               | D-               |
| (8195) VANCE, Donald A  | B-20 Jul 1922 NM | D-7 Dec 1983 CO  | M-30 Mar 1946 CO | (8196) BINGHAM, Gatha    | B-24 Oct 1928 CO | D-               |
| (8193) VANCE, Charles B | B-30 Dec 1891 CO | D-28 Sep 1943 CO | M-16 Oct 1911    | (8194) BEALS, Rosey V    | B-9 Aug 1894 CO  | D-11 Mar 1956 CO |
| (7895) VANCE, Andrew J  | B-8 Apr 1855 TN  | D-7 Sep 1894 CO  | M-15 Feb 1876 TN | (7896) MCLEAIRD, Julia E | B-23 Aug 1857 NC | D-10 May 1938 CO |
| (7897) VANCE, Abner     | B-1820 TN        | D-13 Jun 1887 TN | M-24 Apr 1853    | (7898) WHITEHEAD, Mary   | B-Abt 1836 TN    | D- Aug 1880      |
| (7899) VANCE, Robert    | B-Abt 1784 VA    | D- Jun 1855 VA   | M-Abt 1800 NC    | (7900) CARVER, Mary      | B-Abt 1782 VA    | D-               |

**VANCE, Zeb**

**1730 E Republic Road  
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**Springfield MO 65804**

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| (959) VANCE, Zeb L       | B-9 Jul 1937 TN  | D-               | M-4 Nov 1960     | (958) SPENCER, Mary D    | B-               | D-               |
| (525) VANCE, John B      | B-1 Apr 1917 TN  | D-               | M-1935 TN        | (526) HARLIN, Elizabeth  | B-17 Apr 1919 TN | D-               |
| (527) VANCE, Zeb B       | B-24 Dec 1892 TN | D-24 Jun 1967 VA | M-1914           | (528) CHAMBERS, Charlot  | B-12 Apr 1894 TN | D-31 Dec 1985 VA |
| (529) VANCE, Edward L    | B-28 Nov 1859 TN | D-4 Sep 1949 TN  | M-15 Dec 1889 TN | (530) MOTLEY, Ella       | B-1869 TN        | D-4 Apr 1951 TN  |
| (4493) VANCE, Edward R   | B-3 Dec 1817 TN  | D-28 Mar 1904 TN | M-22 Feb 1854 TN | (4500) HEARN, Drusilla B | B-3 Nov 1831 TN  | D-14 Feb 1899 TN |
| (4519) VANCE, Thomas M S | B-11 Feb 1782 VA | D-17 Jul 1862 TN | M-Abt 1816       | (4520) RICHARDS, Eleanor | B-7 Nov 1795 TN  | D-8 Oct 1882 TN  |
| (4549) VANCE, John       | B-VA             | D-Abt 1830 TN    |                  | (4550) MARQUIS, Sarah    | B-VA             | D-Bef 25 May TN  |
| (74) VANCE, Samuel I     | B-Abt 1716 Ire   | D-18 Aug 1778 VA | M-Abt 1734 VA    | (75) COLVILLE, Sarah     | B-Abt 1715 Ire   | D-Aft 1792 VA    |

**WHEELER, Susan**

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| (9412) WHEELER, Max C    | B-13 Jun 1922 TX | D-               |                  | (9411) TOMLINSON, Susan  | B-29 Jun 1931 OH | D-               |
| (9410) TOMLINSON, Edward | B-16 Nov 1878 CT | D-3 May 1947 OH  | M-16 Mar 1912 OH | (9409) GEER, Mary F      | B-3 Aug 1890 OH  | D-26 Oct 1970 OH |
| (9408) GEER, Luther      | B-24 Nov 1863    | D-17 Feb 1904 OH |                  | (9407) MARQUIS, Mary F   | B-16 Mar 1866 IL | D-4 Aug 1890 OH  |
| (9405) MARQUIS, Thomas N | B-1 Feb 1834 OH  | D-6 Jul 1911     | M-12 Mar 1857 OH | (9406) CURL, Hulda A     | B-3 Nov 1838 OH  | D-17 Sep 1869    |
| (9403) MARQUIS, Samuel   | B-16 Jun 1807 VA | D-1 May 1865 OH  | M-30 Dec 1828 OH | (9404) AXTELL, Lucinda   | B-29 Mar 1808    | D-2 Feb 1888 OH  |
| (9401) MARQUIS, William  | B-Abt 1780       | D-7 Oct 1841 OH  | M-16 Jan 1803 VA | (9402) NEWELL, Elizabeth | B-21 Sep 1785    | D-4 Oct 1871 OH  |
| (5138) MARQUIS, James    | B-               | D-               | M-VA             | (5135) VANCE, Mary       | B-VA             | D-OH             |
| (3212) VANCE, William Ma | B-Abt 1718 Ire   | D-1788 PA        | M-1749 VA        | (3213) GILKESON, Mary C  | B-               | D-Aft 1788       |

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| (9295) WILKINSON, Unk    | B-               | D-               |                  | (9296) SMITH, Barbara B | B-               | D-               |
| (9294) SMITH, Emmett V   | B-20 Aug 1913 TX | D-31 Mar 1974 TX | M-1930 TX        | (3290) GODWIN, Alice I  | B-20 Jul 1916 TX | D-8 Mar 1933 TX  |
| (9293) SMITH, Emmett V S | B-9 Oct 1873 TX  | D-25 Jul 1951 TX | M-9 Nov 1898 TX  | (3292) PRUTTT, Lillie B | B-6 Dec 1874 TX  | D-8 Aug 1951 TX  |
| (3293) SMITH, Robert L   | B-8 Jan 1833 MS  | D-9 May 1907 TX  | M-29 Sep 1857 TX | (3294) SMITH, Theresa   | B-27 Dec 1838 IA | D-25 Jun 1913 TX |
| (3295) SMITH, Merrill J  | B-12 Apr 1802    | D-14 Feb 1860    |                  | (3296) LUSK, Susan      | B-19 Oct 1809    | D-23 Jul 1879    |
| (3297) LUSK, Thomas      | B-Abt 1760 SC    | D-3 Jan 1826 TN  | M-Abt 1780 SC    | (3299) DAVIDSON, Susan  | B-1763 SC        | D-1809 SC        |
| (3300) LUSK, Robert      | B-1730 Ire       | D-1804 KY        | M-1751 VA        | (3298) VANCE, Mary      | B-1735 VA        | D-27 Nov 1803 KY |

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| (9441) DILORETO, Dennis  | B-27 Feb 1947 PA | D-              | M-15 Jan 1972 PA | (9440) LLOYD, Katherine  | B-11 Mar 1950 FL | D-               |
| (9438) LLOYD, John W     | B-8 Mar 1925 TN  | D-              | M-13 May 1949 FL | (9439) MOORE, Jane L     | B-10 Dec 1926 MN | D-               |
| (9435) LLOYD, Paul W     | B-               | D-              | M-7 Dec 1919 TN  | (9434) HARRIS, Eugenia C | B-18 Feb 1900 TN | D-1 May 1995 TN  |
| (9433) HARRIS, William B | B-28 Apr 1852 GA | D-28 Sep 1908   | M-17 Mar 1885 GA | (9432) COTTER, Emma L    | B-31 Aug 1857 GA | D-29 Sep 1916 TN |
| (9430) COTTER, John C    | B-4 Aug 1828 GA  | D-10 Jan 1919   |                  | (9431) GREEN, Mary M     | B-5 Mar 1823 SC  | D-26 Jan 1889 GA |
| (945) COTTER, John V     | B-28 Nov 1789 SC | D-9 Sep 1871 GA | M-19 Dec 1819 GA | (946) NALL, Mary A       | B-12 Jun 1796 NC | D-9 Sep 1871 GA  |
| (947) COTTER, William    | B-Abt 1762 Ire   | D-Abt Feb SC    | M-24 Jan 1784 VA | (948) VANCE, Catherine   | B-Abt 1763 VA    | D- Nov 1835 SC   |

## Miscellaneous

VFA Member Brigadier General Jack Vance has been honored in his home state of Mississippi for his efforts in establishing three new veterans homes. A site at Collins, just south of Jackson, opened 12 October 1996. The site at Oxford opened 2 November 1996 and a site at Kosciusko will be opening soon. These are facilities for the aging and chronically disabled veterans. The facilities offer trained specialists in various healthcare disciplines, the latest in medical technology and equipment. Jack (Hilton R.) has been a generous supporter of the VFA for many years so it doesn't surprise us to see him working diligently on the behalf of others. Congratulations, Jack.

Vice President Sam Vance reports that much to personal relief, his Vance line will persevere. On September 16, 1996, Morgan Richard Vance was born to Margaret and Stuart-Morgan Vance. Stuart, Sam's cousin, and Margaret live in Ashland, Kentucky. Baby Morgan is the first Vance born to this family line since 1967!



# Queries

15 Feb 1785 **William Vance** vs **Reubin George** in Surry Co., NC Court minutes. Who is he and does he have any relationship with **Samuel Vance** of that period in Surry Co?  
**Grace Dotson, 973 Forest Drive, Harlem, GA., 30814-9522.**

Who is the **David Vance** listed as one of the men who served at Valley Forge during the winter of 1777-1778? Slow response from other sources so would appreciate some help from VFA members.  
**Phyllis V. Worrall, 371 Hubler Ridge Road, Bellefonte, PA., 16823**

Md. >Pa. >Ohio- **Robert Vance Sr.**(8766) was 'b. Md.,1791 - spent part of his youth in Washington Co. Pa.. and came to this twp. in 1825' (Washington Twp. Guernsey Co.Oh.) per his bio-sketch in Wlm.Wolfe's 'Stories of Guernsey Co. Ohio.' His wife **Catherine Dailey**(8767) is from Wash Co Pa. Who were his parents and sibs? Which **Vance** branch was in Md. in late 1700's? Some associated families were **Orr, Little, Watt, McDonald and Campbell.**  
**Shirley Vance Moore Hoyt, 17375 Melody Lane, Los Gatos, CA 95030**  
**E-mail: Gramsmh@aol.com**

Need name and proof of wife of **John Rhea** of Augusta Co Va, father of **Mary Rhea**. **Mary Rhea** married **Thomas Buckingham** and had one daughter **Mary Rhea Buckingham** who married, 10 Jan 1797 in Tennessee, **John Greer** son of **Andrew Greer** and **Mary Vance** of the Watuaga District.

Was wife's name **Mary Deloach** ? **Rhea** family historian does not think so but can not help otherwise.  
**Dorothy E. Cox, 1019 Sugar Mountain Court, Sugar Land, TX 77478 281-242-1043**

I need help to find the ancestors of the following eight siblings: **Henry Vance** (3456), **William Vance Jr.** (3459) b 1804 d 17 Mar. 1894, **John Vance** (2347) b May 1812, d Oct 24 1889 m **Jane Hanby**, **Elizabeth Vance** (1062) b Jun 30 1817 d Jul 24 1899 m **Josiah Hanby**, **Mary Jane Vance** (3037) b Nov 12, 1820 d May 12 1882, m **John Louis Soupene**, **James Vance** (3458) b Feb 15 1830 d Mar 12 1882 m **Eliza Jennie McCormick**, **Nancy Vance** (3040) b Feb 1830 d Nov 23 1906, m **John Calvin**, **Andrew W. Vance Dr** (3457) b 1832. Land records dated Nov 17, 1851 in Columbiana Co., OH list these siblings as the children of **William Vance** (1063) b Jan 18, 1870 d Feb 13 1841 in Carrol Co. OH. Another record dated the same calls them descendants. Family lore from Manhattan KS lists the same eight as the children of **John Vance** and **Elizabeth Engle**. Who were **John** and **Elizabeth**? Who were the ancestors of **William Vance Sr**?

**Robert Yoke, 5709 E 62nd Place, Indianapolis, IN 46220 317-257-5954**

**James Vance** (2762) was named as father of **Elizabeth Vance** (2761) on marriage bond of **Elizabeth** and **Daniel Minor**, 10 Dec 1819, Fayette Co., KY and named as father of **Nancy Vance** on marriage bond of **Nancy** and **David Thomas**, 8 June 1819, same location. Would appreciate any information on this **James Vance** and/or his family.  
**June Mile, 29934 Flushing Drive, Chesterfield, MI 48501.**

(*QUERIES CONTINUE ON NEXT PAGE*)

### *Queries (Continued)*

Seeking parents or sibling of **William M. Vance** b 27 Oct 1826 New VA. Married #1 11 Oct 1843, Smyth Co., VA to **Nancy Emmaline Watham**. #2, **Mary Elizabeth Pheifer Ryan**, Webster Co., MO 26 Sep 1876. **William** died 30 Mar 1905 in Union Twp., Webster Co., MO.  
**Marjorie F. Pace, 5124 N Vanderbilt, Portland OR 97203. 503-289-8419.**

**Jean Vance** writes that she is excited about the VFA research happening on the Kentucky **Vances**. She would like contact fellow researchers to 'fuss over' the following allied lines, all of Fayette, Scott, Owen, Woodford counties in KY: **Adams, Bell, Barnhill, Carr, Hinton, Jacobs, Munson, Neale, Pearce, Ryan, Sellars, Trussell, Wright and Robey**. Roots from VA and NC, possibly PA & MD.  
**Jean Wischart Vance, 3451 Papaya St., St. James City, FL. 33956**

**James K. Vance** b Apr 1844 in OH married **Charlotte (Lottie) Elizabeth Witcher** abt 1873. They were probably married in Pike, Adams or Brown Co., IL. 1880 census has them in village of Clayton, Adams Co., IL with five children: **George S. 11, Walter S. 9, Frederick A 7, William H 5, and Lulu 1**. Children all born in IL. Older two children may have been from earlier marriage. They also lived in Kansas City, MO abt 1892-1895 and in Los Angeles, CA. Family Bible says **James** died in Adams CO., IL 1915-1917. Any additional information on these folks will be greatly appreciated.  
**Donald D. Schmidt, 15826 El Dorado Oaks Drive, Houston, TX 77059-4044. 281-480-4253.**

**Isaac B. Vance** b 1802 KY m **Hannah ?** b 1824 VA. Children **Mary** b 1840, **Rebecca** b 1841, **David** b 1843, **Lemuel** b 1845, **Sammantha** b 1848 and **Judson** b 1852. Family ended up in Highland Co., OH. Would like to know more about this family.  
**Bruce Vance, 612 155th Place NE, Bellevue, WA, 98007. E-Mail 70711.2606@compuserve.com**

*Pictured at the right is the great-grandmother of VFA member Jean Suman, Lucinda Hatfield (9237) & her husband Frederick Dressler (9238). Lucinda is the daughter of Rebecca Vance Hatfield (7691). Rebecca's father, William Vance (9) & mother, Rachel Minton Vance (10) are the ancestors of many VFA members.*

*Lucinda Hatfield was born in Uniontown, Fayette Co., PA in 1834. She and her husband moved to Kansas. Rebecca Vance was born in Uniontown in 1802 and lived there her entire life. She died in 1862.*

*There is mention of Samuel Hatfield & Rebecca Vance in the newsletter of April 1996, page 45.*

*The photo was furnished by Jean Suman.*



# Computer stuff

**INTERNET.** Our initial web site is up and functioning. It is a simple and basic site. I used the free facilities of CompuServe's 'Home Page Wizard.' The VFA web site has our coat of arms, general information with an invitation to join, a sample article and queries, an E-mail link to the VFA and links to the web pages of Norman Vance and Kenneth Vance Smith. We will spruce it up as time permits and as purpose justifies. The VFA web site address is '<http://ourworld.compuserve.com/homepages/VFA>.' Take a peek and leave a message. Be sure and visit Norman's and Ken's sites, they are much classier (for now!).

The Internet is exploding with Genealogical web sites. I suggest a good way to begin looking is to visit the National Genealogical Society at '<http://www.genealogy.org/~ngs/>.' That particular site is comprehensive and will lead you to many other relevant sites. '<http://www.everton.com>' is the Genealogical Helper's home page. There are useful tools to be found there but you may end up having to pay. The Rand site which was recommended by VFA member Mary Reed is a good one. It can be reached through the NGS site. Use Yahoo, Excite or the search engine of your choice and search for 'Genealogy.' Last time I did this, 590 places qualified and some were worthwhile. Don't leave out the libraries when you are browsing. You can start with the Allen County (Indiana) Library. One of the best for genealogy.



While surfing the web I found sites for the Menger Hotel, our 1997 meeting location and for the Landmark Inn (formerly the Vance Hotel) State Park. The later will be one of our main tour stops. Amazing what is 'out there.'

I used the web to contact the National Archives when searching for naturalization records. Each National Archive has a different set of rules and data concerning this subject. The benefit of being on the net was that I could find all the rules and what was available at one sitting rather than having to write or call many locations. It even had the addresses of the courthouse where I would find early naturalization records for Cuyahoga County, Ohio.

Please keep your editor informed of the hot sites for Vances and genealogy.

**LINEAGE SOFTWARE.** The recent September/October 1996 issue of the National Genealogical Society/ Computer Interest Group featured an article by Richard W. Eastman of Billerica, Massachusetts titled 'The Battle of the Giants: ROOTS IV versus The Master Genealogist.' Mr. Eastman notes that over 362 different genealogy programs are currently available. He continues 'This article will examine two of the leading power house genealogy programs: ROOTS IV, produced by COMMSOFT, Inc., and The Master Genealogist, produced by Wholly Genes Software, Inc.' His opinion is that these two programs stand above the rest. He proceeds to do an excellent job in several detailed pages proving his case. I mention this as over that past few years I have consistently recommended PAF and Family Tree Maker. The NGS/CIG is a reputable group so I suggest considering any software they recommend in addition to PAF and FTM. I don't have any personal experience with ROOTS IV or Master Genealogist but would be glad to publish opinions from members who have used these two software packages. Genealogy and Computers can be very humbling! Mr. Eastman can be reached at '<http://ourworld.compuserve.com/hompages/roots>.'

**WHOOOPS.** My second report on Deed Mapper will be in the April newsletter.

*Happy New Year,  
Bruce*

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**HOST QUINTIN VANCE'S REPORT ON THE SOUTHWEST VIRGINIA MINI-CONFERENCE  
OCTOBER 11TH - 13TH, 1996** **BLUEFIELD, VIRGINIA**

They came from the South, the East, Castle Rock, Colorado to Bangor Maine, they came as members of the Vance Family Association (VFA), to learn and enjoy the Coalfields and beautiful mountains of Four Seasons Country. This association was organized August 1984 by Vances interested in their Vance name and family heritage. Conferences have been held biannually across the United States -Kansas City, Salt Lake City, Pittsburgh, Seattle and Nashville just to mention a few. Some members have traveled to Scotland, Ireland and France to meet Vances and trace ancestry

Quintin Dale & Margaret Vance Bluefield, VA. hosted this conference, held October 11-13, 1996. Vances gathered in the Vance home, Fincastle Estates on Friday Oct 11th to renew old acquaintances and make new ones. Ms. Lou Stoker, a Bramwell historian, told the story of the early coalfield days and of the town of Bramwell. She lead the song "Sixteen Tons" and the guests joined in. Everyone enjoyed Ms Stoker's tales and being in the Vance home. Each quest received a "goody bag" of literature and sweets to make their visit in the Coalfields more enjoyable.

Saturday morning October 12th, guests boarded a charter bus, the Mountaineer Coach, for a educational, historical and fun-filled day. Our first stop was in Pocahontas, Virginia at the old Company Store built in 1883. It is now houses the Catron's IGA & Family Restaurant where we were served a good ole country breakfast. During breakfast, Sister Rose of the St. Elizabeth's Catholic Church, was the guest speaker. She told of the Pocahontas Coalfields then and now. She was very informative of the history of this town and the coal mines. She presented each guest with literature and souvenirs as we departed

We enjoyed a guided tour of the Pocahontas Exhibition Mine, Museum and Gift Shop. The guides were SUPER and everyone better understood coal mining as we departed. We visited St. Elizabeth's Catholic Church in Pocahontas, a church built 1896. It displays 8x12 painted murals, scenes from the life of Christ, on the walls and ceilings. Sister Rose presented the history of the church and answered questions. The guests were discussing the beauty of this church throughout the day.

From Pocahontas we traveled into Bramwell WV, where the coal barons once lived and built million dollar homes. We walked the historic district and were given a brief history by Mr. Bob Barnett. We visited the Corner Gift Shop, the town of Bramwell will be lasting memories of this tour for many years. We boarded the bus for a scenic drive, passing Pinnacle Rock State Park and on to Tazewell, VA. We arrived Pisqah United Methodist Church, Rt. 19/460 and were greeted by the President of the Tazewell County Historical Society, Mr. Terry Mullins. Mr. Mullins gave a history of the church and produced interesting facts pertaining to the Vance name and family. The Ladies Circle prepared and served a delicious lunch in the Fellowship Hall of the church.

After lunch we toured the Historic Crab Orchard Museum and Pioneer Park, had great tour guides and demonstrations from by-gone days. The museum was interesting and we all enjoyed this part of the tour. We motored back into Bluefield where we had our evening dinner at Four Seasons Restaurant. Our guest speaker, Dr. Stuart McGhee, historian and coal archivist, gave a slide presentation of the Coalfields and a brief history full of interesting facts. Dr. McGhee did a great job and as he departed guests were feeling as though they were a part of "Coal Country".

Those attending this conference were:

John & Peggy Boggs - Topeka, KS, Helen Clark, Norma Harder, David Landis, Audrey Horn, Cindy & Sarah Thomas - Columbus, OH, Elmer & Helen Cover - Castle Rock, CO, Grace Dotson - Harlem, GA, George & Robbie Frye - Gallatin TN, Wanda Green, Karen & Christina Hunter - Johnstown OH, Herman & Kathleen Mason - Jackson, MS, Andy & Fay Morrison - Vienna, VA, Janet Peddycord & Walter Hamm - Fairfax, VA, Charlotte Puckett - N. Tazewell, VA, Vance Smith - Kernersville NC, Glen & Peggy Vance - Narrows VA, Paul & Peggy Vance - Bangor, ME, Samuel & Delores Vance - Huntsville, AL., Ann & Wayne Spencer - Thomasville, NC, Robert & Marilyn Vance -Atlanta, GA and Quintin Dale & Margaret Vance, Bluefield, VA.

Each guest attending received a souvenir Coal Bucket made of West Virginia Coal. Gifts were presented to Wanda Green & Helen Clark the first to arrive in Coal Country, Glen & Peggy Vance the first to respond with registration. Elmer & Helen Coyer from Castle Rock CO for traveling 1500 miles to be with Vances and share family histories. Everyone had a great weekend, the weather was beautiful, the people friendly and courteous. We'll never forget the beauty of the mountains and the colorful trees in "Coal Country".

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Back Row (Left to right) : David Landis, Herman Mason, Paul Vance, Ann & Wayne Spencer, Janet Peddycord, Elmer Coyer. John Boggs, Robert Vance, Samuel Vance, Andy Morrison, Glen Vance, Robbie & George Frye.

Middle Row: Norma Harper, Kathleen Mason, Helen Cover, Vance Smith, Marilyn Vance, Helen Clark, Fay Morrison, Peggy Vance, Peggy Boggs

Front Row: Hostess Margaret Vance, Penny R. Vance, Grace Dotson, Charlotte Puckett, Wanda Green, Delores Vance, Host Quintin D. Vance.

Camera Shy: Karen & Christina Hunter, Cindy & Sarah Thomas, Walter Hamm

### *PUMPKIN CAKE ROLL*

*(This dish was a big hit at the Bluefield affair and attendees requested the recipe.)*

|                           |                              |
|---------------------------|------------------------------|
| 3 eggs                    | 1 cup sugar                  |
| 2 - 3 cups canned pumpkin | 1 tsp. lemon juice           |
| 3/4 cup flour             | 2 tsp. cinnamon              |
| 1 tsp. ginger             | 1/2 tsp. nutmeg              |
| 1/2 tsp. salt             | 1 cup finely chopped walnuts |
| 1 tsp. baking powder      |                              |

In a large mixing bowl beat eggs until fluffy (about 5 min. high speed). Gradually beat in sugar. Stir in pumpkin and lemon juice and blend completely. In a small bowl combine dry ingredients and with a folding motion mix into pumpkin batter. Spread in greased 15 x 10 x 1 inch pan. Sprinkle top with nuts. Turn out on towel sprinkled with powdered sugar Starting at narrow end, roll towel and cake together. Cool. Unroll.

Temperature 375 degree for 15 minutes.

#### For Filling

In a small bowl soften 4 tbsp. butter or margarine and 3 oz. pkg. of cream cheese. Add 1 cup powdered sugar and 1/2 tsp. vanilla and beat until smooth. Spread over cake and reroll (w/o towel) chill. Makes 8 servings.

Bonnie Phillips, Bluefield, VA





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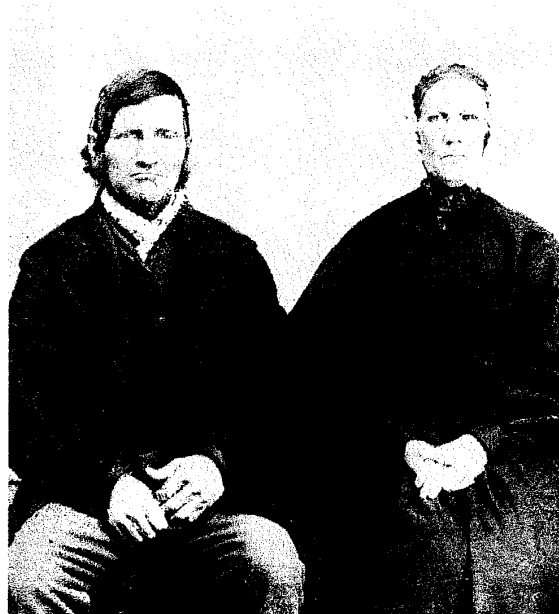
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Great-grandparents of VFA member Joseph Harvey Vance  
*(Original picture was a tintype)*

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*This Newsletter is Dedicated to Our  
Outstanding Historians*

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Invitation to Join

## The Vance Family Association



**GOAL:** To research and record the origins of the Vance Family.

**PURPOSE:** Collect literary, historical, and genealogical records and relics relating to the Vance families. To preserve this collection in an established Vance Family archive.

THE VFA is non-profit, non-political, non-discriminatory and non-sectarian. Members receive quarterly newsletters which include articles by the Association Historian, selected summarized pedigrees, queries and research items of interest from other members.

New members are encouraged to submit pedigree charts of their Vance lines. The VFA will provide pedigree sheets and assistance in completion.

National biannual conferences meetings are held to elect officers, conduct necessary business and allow members to meet in person.

**ORGANIZED:** August of 1984

You are cordially invited to join the VANCE FAMILY ASSOCIATION. The growth of the VFA is dependent on member participation, so we sincerely hope you will consider joining us in this endeavor to share research information and to promote the proud heritage of our Vance name.

To join, simply fill out the form and return it with your check made out to VANCE FAMILY ASSOCIATION. As soon as possible or with this form submit a pedigree chart with your line of Vance ancestry. This will be recorded and a copy sent to you for editing.

Membership is annually renewable on the first of January each year. Late memberships of any year will receive all back issues for that given year of membership. Membership dues paid after October 1st will become active on January 1 of the following year unless otherwise noted.

Yes, I wish to join the VANCE FAMILY ASSOCIATION  
(Please check applicable boxes)

- ☐ Individual..... \$15.00
- ☐ Supporting ..... \$25.00
- ☐ Organization.....\$15.00 (Libraries, Genealogical Societies, etc)
- ☐ Additional mailing fee of \$6.00 for members in Mexico and Canada
- ☐ Additional mailing fee of \$20.00 for members in other foreign countries
- ☐ I do not wish to join VFA but am sending my Vance genealogical information.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

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## President-Editor's Message

San Antonio exceeded my highest hopes. Many thanks to Bob and Evey Vance of Louisville and Bobby Vance of Waco for putting on such a pleasurable event. When we first picked San Antonio as our 1997 meeting site there was concern over finding enough history to fit VFA interests. As time passed we were surprised by the amount of history there is in this area of Texas. Every European influence exists in San Antonio's history and it is one of the earliest places of settlement in North America. This diversity and time span is emphasized at the Texas Institute of Culture. There are displays of the historical contributions by the French, English, Scottish, Irish, Spanish, Mexican, Scandinavian, Black and Jewish settlers, to name a few. Our second pleasant surprise was the amount of Vance involvement in the local history.

The Menger Hotel has been restored and is filled with early Texas ambience. It is close to other tourist spots, eating and shopping places. We had some fun running through the rain to our first dinner. Everyone quickly manufactured some kind of headwear or a makeshift umbrella. Each subsequent event was both entertaining and enlightening. Vance descendants Claire English and her daughter Mary gave us a tour of the early Vance mansion at the Hillside Ranch. It is located just outside of San Antonio and is still owned by the family. Their warm hospitality was appreciated. They are just putting their Vance line in order and we volunteered to help and to add the line to our database. The Landmark Inn (The Vance Store and Hotel) restoration shows care and inspiration. There is an abundance of material about John and Rowena Vance in a small museum just off the entrance. There are several original watercolors by Rowena that depict the surrounding area. Manager June Secrist related a great deal of local history and Vance information. We visited the San Jose Mission and the Alamo. We had some knowledgeable and entertaining guides, which enhances the events.

The T-shirts with the VFA Coat of Arms were a big hit! See ad with an unpaid model in upper left-hand corner of this page. Bob and Evey just ordered our third batch. If you are thinking of buying one (great Christmas gift), get your order in now. We don't plan on offering these next year.

The extended format seemed to work well so we will use that for the 1999 meeting in Columbus, Ohio. Wanda Green has volunteered to head up that effort. If you want to help, drop Wanda a note at 374 Hillview Dr., Johnstown, OH 43031. Ohio history is chock full of Vances most of whom migrated from southwest Pennsylvania. We have many lines that fit this description so ancestor hunting should be good.

In the business meeting report you will note that we are financially stable and are able to maintain yearly dues at the low \$15.00 rate.

The election is complete. We welcome a new officer, Quintin Dale Vance, as Secretary. I have asked Kathleen Mason and her historians to continue through this term and they have agreed. We have dedicated this issue to them in appreciation of the tremendous work they have accomplished.

Personally, I am looking forward to another two years of enhancing the value of our database and newsletter for our membership. We will also keep working on our web page and other products as time allows.

Enuff, go find an ancestor and plant a tree,



## THE VANCE FAMILY ASSOCIATION HONORS IT'S HISTORIANS

Earlier this year we had the pleasure of issuing certificates to Virgina Vance Lovett, Grace Dotson and Mary Norleet with the following message:

*In appreciation of your dedication to Vance family research and for your unbounded generosity in sharing that work, the Executive Committee of the Vance Family Association has named Kathleen Mason 'Senior Historian' and she in turn has named you 'Historian.'*

Following are brief autobiographic sketches of these outstanding individuals.

**VIRGINIA VANCE LOVETT**. I was born in the farmhouse my grandfather, John Marshall Vance, built in Warren County Kentucky. While attending Louisville Girls High School and the University of Louisville, I majored in Art and Art History and was active in sports. Handcrafts and sewing have been my longtime interests.



My father, James Blain Vance (1896-1971), and I took infrequent trips to Warren County to the old farm. On these trips he told me stories of the early Vances of Barren and Hart Counties, of my great-great-grandfather Tobias Vance the hatter, of my great grandfather, Huett Vance who was in the Civil War, of my grandfather "Old Jackie", and their various relatives. I always wanted to know who everyone's father was. According to James, Tobias' father was Henry Vance. He said Henry was one of George Rogers Clark's long hunters and participated in the capture of the Northwest Territory.

As an adult I worked for a newspaper, for a women's fashion shop as a display artist and for a radio station. In later years, with partners I operated a yarn shop for over 14 years.

I married Charles L. Lovett and we have three children: C. Leslie Jr., M.D., whose son is James L.; Victoria whose sons are Blain and Vance; and Elizabeth whose son is Jesse.

My hobbies are genealogy and tending to a small garden which includes day-lilies, spring flowers and, tomatoes. Our yard is full of trees, which we fondly keep healthy.

I have worked on my husband's family lines and mine for about 24 years researching primarily in Virginia, Kentucky and Pennsylvania. I have compiled two books of records of Lutheran Churches in Jefferson County and Nelson County Kentucky and compiled Some Descendants of James Vance, died 1751 of Frederick County Virginia.

I have researched Vances, Blankenbakers, Lovetts, Wardells, Bigwoods and other allied family lines as well as some research on family lines other than those associated with my family.

*(Ed. Note: Besides the VFA research activities, Virginia has done all the abstracting for our Subject Indexes.)*

**GRACE DOTSON**, nee Mary Grace Vance was born 24 February 1942 at Harman, Buchanan County, Virginia, first child of Alexander Whitten and Mary Jeanette Mays Vance. My father descended of Vances through both of his parents Andrew Steward Vance and Nancy Helton.

My grandfather, Andrew S. Vance, was the son of David Vance and his first wife, Levica Payne: Dave was the son of John Vance (1805-1883) and Miranda McKinney. This Vance family moved to Virginia about 1850 from Carter County Tennessee and from there into the part of Virginia which became West Virginia.

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My grandmother, Nancy Helton, was the daughter of James and Rachel Brown Helton; James Helton was the son of Asa and Mary Vance Helton; Mary was the daughter of William and Nancy Vance; William was the second son of Abner Vance and Susannah Howard

My husband is James Dotson, my high school boyfriend, we have three sons, Jim, Jr., Jeff and Brian and 3 granddaughters: Jesscia Lauren, Mary Elizabeth and Cassandra Grace.

Jim was in the US Army for 26 years, retiring in 1985. The children and I traveled with him to most assignments. I worked for far too many years as a DAC and am now a stay at home wife and grandmother. We lived in Virginia, Kentucky, Tennessee, North Carolina, New York, Georgia, Connecticut, California and Germany. We all enjoyed our former lifestyle

and still love to travel.

My hobbies include genealogy, gardening, sewing, most handwork and I paint a little.

We attend Clifford Memorial Presbyterian Church.

My Vance research is centered in east Tennessee, southwestern Virginia and southern West Virginia. I have a large collection of Vance data, which I have collected through the years in an attempt to locate my own Vance lines. My primary interest is Abner Vance.

In 1985 and 1986 I worked with the Southwest Virginia Folk Lore Society and was successful in having Abner Vance's Death Ballad (also known as The Vance Song) recognized as being the oldest song, still in existence, composed west of the Blue Ridge Mountains.

**MARY VANCE NORFLEET.** "My in genealogy began with my paternal grandmother, who took great delight in telling each of her grandchildren, interesting stories about our ancestors" states Mary Vance Norfleet. Mary's grandmother, Elsie Vance, wrote a family history for each of her children, compiled from family bible records and personal knowledge. This has been Mary's guide for her continuing research, which has focused primarily in Tennessee, Virginia and South Carolina. Her line of descent is through Samuel and Sarah Colville; their son, John Vance and Sarah Marquis; their son, Thomas M. Vance and his second wife, Eleanor Richards, their son, Edward Richards Vance and his second wife, Drusilla Bonner Hearn; their son, Samuel Daniel Vance and Ann Elcybeth "Elsie" Terry; their son and Mary's parents, William Albert Vance and Ida Margaret Weller.

A Colorado native, Mary graduated from Colorado State University and worked for a number of years as an underwriter and underwriting supervisor for National Farmers Union Insurance Company in Denver, CO. Mary, and her husband, James Norfleet, an engineer for the State of Colorado, moved from Denver to Montrose, CO, ten years ago. Mary and Jim have traveled to several areas where their ancestor's lived, doing research and photographing family homes and cemeteries. Mary's other interests include collecting antiques, needlework and gardening.

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*On behalf of the entire VFA membership, thanks to  
Kathleen, Virginia, Grace, and Mary.*



## United States History

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### VIRGINIA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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The Virginia Historical Society at Richmond is a repository for the Preston Papers. These papers are catalogued, indexed and are abstracted in three notebooks. I used the card catalogue for VANCES which referred me to the Preston Papers. The actual papers are filed by dates.

ALEXANDER VANCE, page 97. 27 Nov 1776. Six notes of Walter Bennett to Rev. John Lyth. Witnesses by James Fowler, ALEXANDER VANCE and Francis Smith. Assigned by John Lyth to William Preston.

MATTHEW VANCE, page 8. 1751 (1748-1751) List of surveys made by James Tremble from 1748-1751. MATTHEW VANCE was one of the many listed.

MATTHEW VANCE, page 51. 1 Sept 1768. Patton Estate. Account of MATTHEW VANCE with the estate of COL James Patton, for 100 acres purchased in 1752 with interest.

PATRICK VANCE, page 39. 2 Jan 1764. An inventory of goods sold at venue of the estate Abraham Dunkleberry, deceased.

Account with William Lessly, PATRICK VANCE, Jonathan Smith for various articles purchased.

SAMUEL VANCE, page 100. 29 Nov 1777. SAMUEL VANCE in regard to land purchased from COL Pendleton. Had moved to Washington County and was prepared to discharge his bonds. Wished to get title as soon as possible, as he would expect to pay no more interest.

SAMUEL VANCE (COL), page 277. 15 Nov 1803 Bath Co VA. Letter to General John Preston at Richmond. (By COL John Berg) Heard John Preston was elected to the General Assembly where this letter will find him. "The road we were viewing has progressed to the forks beyond Lewisburg, awaiting further instructions from General Assembly. If there is an opening VANCE would like to explore the loop and report accordingly."

SAMUEL VANCE, page 319. 30 June 1810. William P. Henning, Richmond, Power of Attorney to General John Preston to receive payment of execution from Superior Court of Chancery for Staunton District in Henning's name as assignee of John Hoge who was assignee of Benjamin Stoddard surveying partner of Forrest and Stoddart, against James Bradley and SAMUEL VANCE purchasers of a mortgaged tract of land from Gerrard T. Conn.

**ISLE OF WIGHT COUNTY VIRGINIA**

Research of: Wanda Green

**Marriage: HUGH VANCE and Mrs Lydia Portlock, relict of Charles Portlock.**

**Wills: HUGH VANCE Leg. wife, Lydia.; Son: JAMES; Step sons Nathaniel and Charles Portlock. Appraised 3 Nov 1757.**

**LYDIA VANCE, appraised by William Casey 7 NOV 1771.**

**LYDIA VANCE Account Estate 3 August 1775.**

**JAMES VANCE: Witness 10 Nov 1772.**

Lydia married Charles Portlock who made his will in 1752 leaving sons Nathaniel and Charles, who made his will in Surry in 1797. She married secondly HUGH VANCE who made his will in 1756. Lydia was the daughter of CPT Nathaniel Ridley and his wife Elizabeth Day, after the death of the CPT, Elizabeth married 2nd, Matthew Jones. Elizabeth Day was the daughter of James Day (died 1701) and his wife Mary Thompson.

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**ALLEGHENY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA**

Phyllis V. Worrall, 371 Hubler Ridge Road, Bellefonte, PA 16823 was visiting in Marietta, Ohio and found a copy of Docket #1, Orphans Court, Allegheny Co. PA. 1789-1820. Page 325 #1322 is for VANCE (-----) deceased, and is undated, but is listed between Jan. 13, 1820 and March 27, 1820. (This fits profile of Capt. Robert Vance) Robert Vance, a minor over 14 chose John Way, Esq. to be his guardian. John Way apparently was a lawyer.

In Capt. Robert's will, written in his own hand in 1818, he names his wife Jean Vance, Sons David, Samuel, Robert, John, William and Andrew and Daughters Sarah Ferguson and Jean McCabe. He also names his son David's five motherless children: Robert, Mary, Alexander, Samuel, and Joseph. David's wife Ann Pinkerton is buried beside her father-in-law Robert Vance in Montour Church Cemetery.

Capt. Robert also had a daughter Elizabeth b. 1783, who died in infancy and a Joseph b. 1784 who died in infancy, according to a family sheet of Violet Warren. This would fit the statement that Capt. Robert Vance wrote to Samuel Vance at Wolf's Hill, VA in 1792, where he wrote "We have seven living and has two dead." Son Andrew was born 1794 after the letter was written.

Was this Robert in Orphan's Court the grandson of Capt. Robert, and son of David?

For members who have Newell connections, there were several Newell references in the Docket #1 -Andrew, heir of Terence Fitzpatrick; William, a minor; Samuel, deceased, father of Samuel Richard Newell.

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**MICHAEL VANCE AND WIFE, REBECCA MILLS  
Their Children and Grandchildren**

**1. Michael -1- Vance**

b. 10 Apr 1802, Somerset Co., PA. d. 10 May 1871, Darke Co., OH; bur. Pyrmont cem., Montgomery Co., OH.

m. Rebecca Mills, 28 Jul 1822, at home of bride's parents, Pyrmont, Montgomery Co., OH. d/o Joshua Mills and Lucy Curless (Corlies). b. 12 Jul 1804, Monmouth Co., NJ. d. 26 Jul 1890, Van Buren Twp., Darke Co., OH; bur. Abbottsville cem., Darke Co., OH. Joshua and Lucy [Curless] Mills bur. Pyrmont cem.

Lucy Curless (Corlies) was great-granddaughter of George Corlies and Exercise Shattock. d/o William and Hannah Shattock. George Corlies, b. 7 Feb 1654, Dublin, Ireland; d. 10 Jul 1715, Shrewsbury, NJ. Exercise, b. 12 Nov 1656, Boston, MA; d. 14 Sep 1695, Shrewsbury, NJ.

Michael Vance moved from PA to Montgomery Co., OH, probably about 1807. He was a farmer. In 1853, he purchased 80 acres of wooded land in Van Buren Twp., Darke Co., OH. Some time between 1853 and 1857, Michael cleared up a farm on this land, built a log cabin and moved his family there.

- 2+ (1) Curless -2- Vance  
b. 1823, OH. d. 1902, OH.  
m. (1st) Priscilla Ann King, 1846.  
m. (2nd) Mrs. Sarah J. [Roll] Pearson, 1872
- 3+ (2) John -2- Vance  
b. 1824, OH. d. 1905, OH.  
m. Eveline Davis, 1845.
- 4+ (3) George -2- Vance  
b. 1827, OH. d. 1910, IN.  
m. Margaret Milliken, 1847.
- 5+ (4) Mary Mills -2- Vance  
b. 1828, OH. d. 1891, KS.  
m. Elwood Irvin Small, 1846.
- 6+ (5) Ann Rebecca -2- Vance  
b. 1830, OH. d. 1898, OH.  
m. John Livingston, Jr. 1851.
- 7+ (6) Harrison -2- Vance  
b. 1832, OH. d. 1864, VA.  
m. Elizabeth Reichard, 1852.
- (7) Israel -2- Vance  
b. 14 Apr 1834, Montgomery Co., OH.  
d. 16 Nov 1836; bur. Pyrmont cem.
- (8) Lucy -2- Vance  
b. 8 Apr 1836, Montgomery Co., OH.  
d. 20 Nov 1836; bur. Pyrmont cem.
- 8+ (9) Lucinda ("Lou") -2- Vance  
b. 1838, OH. d. 1925, OH.  
m. William Wickle, 1869.
- 9+ (10) Leatha Ann ("Leathy") -2- Vance  
b. 1840, OH. d. 1915, OH.  
m. Anthony Olwine, 1860.
- (11) William Jefferson -2- Vance  
b. 20 Oct 1842. d. 1 Dec 1843.

(12) Joshua -2- Vance

b. & d. 30 Oct 1844. (Twin of James Harvey).

10+(13) James Harvey ("Harve") -2- Vance

b. 1844, OH. d. 1930, OH.

m. (1st) Mary Catherine Schreel, 1869.

m. (2nd) Mrs. Mary O. [Figel] Geyer, 1910.

**2. Curless -2- Vance**

b. 21 Apr 1823, Perry Twp., Montgomery Co., OH. d. 21 Feb 1902, Jaysville, Darke Co., OH; bur. Abbottsville cem.

m. (1st) Priscilla Ann King, 19 Feb. 1846. d/o William Christopher King and Mary Ware. b. 11 Apr 1827, near Pyrmont, Montgomery Co., OH. d. 20 Sep 1868, Montgomery Co., OH; bur. Pyrmont cem.

m. (2nd) Mrs. Sarah J. [Roll] Pearson, 19 Dec 1872, Darke Co., OH (by Christopher Briney, JP). b. 3 Jul 1832. d. 9 Feb 1917; bur. Abbottsville cem. Widow of William Pearson, soldier killed in Civil War. She had two sons by William Pearson.

Curless Vance attended public schools in Montgomery Co. Lifelong farmer. Moved to Darke Co. as young man; settled north of Arcanum where he reared a family. Later went to Pyrmont area where his wife died. He then returned to Darke Co. Members of United Brethren Church.

Children of Curless Vance and Priscilla Ann King:

- (1) Juliann -3- Vance  
b. ca 1847, Montgomery Co., OH. Enumerated in the 1850 census of Montgomery Co., OH, age 3.
- (2) Emily ("Emma") -3- Vance  
b. ca 1849, Montgomery Co., OH. (1850 census)  
m. Hiram Swank. They had at least 3 children.  
Lived at Troy and Dayton, OH.
- (3) Leatha Ann ("Leathy" "Lettie") -3- Vance  
b. 19 Nov 1851, Perry Twp., Montgomery Co..  
d. 15 Mar 1884, Darke Co., OH; bur. Abbottsville cem. Leatha may have died at birth of her twin sons, Marshall and Whitaker, who did not survive.  
m. William Bennett Delk, 3 Apr 1873, (by Henry Tobey, MG). s/o George Washington Delk and Mary Jane Dynes. b. 24 May 1851, Darke Co., OH. d. 5 Mar 1910, Greenville, OH; bur. Abbottsville cem. W. B. Delk had 9 children by 1st wife, Leatha Vance; one by 2nd wife Mrs. Mary [Arnold] Cassell.
- (4) Mary M. ("Molly") -3- Vance  
b. ca 1853, OH. She was 17 in 1870 Montgomery Co., OH census  
m. Cyrus McGrew. Lived at Dayton, OH. They had at least two children: Otto and Esta.
- (5) William E. ("Bill") -3- Vance  
b. 18 Aug 1855. d. 21 Apr 1901; bur. Abbottsville.  
m. Martha A. Cox, 3 Sep 1878 (by J. W. Kilbourn, MG), Darke Co., OH.  
This family is said to have lived in Indiana. Had at least one child, Effie B., b. 27 Apr 1881, Darke Co., OH; d. 1882; bur. Abbottsville. cem.
- (6) Iola May ("Ida" "Ollie") -3- Vance  
b. ca 1857, OH. Was 13 in 1870 census.

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m. George A. Miller, 18 Sep 1879, Darke Co., OH (by William King Albright, MG).

Family moved to IN. George had at least five children by Iola. George m. (2nd) Elva May Delk, Iola's niece. Elva died 27 May 1956, IN; bur. Abbottsville cem.. George died in ND; bur. ND.

(7) Priscilla -3- Vance

Died in infancy, 6 Jun 1859; bur. Pymont cem.

(8) Elmer Ellsworth -3- Vance

b. 30 Sep 1862, Pymont, Montgomery Co., OH. d. 4 Aug 1947, Ansonia, Darke Co., OH; bur. Abbottsville cem., Darke Co., OH.

m. Mary Ann ("Mollie") Corwin, 15 Oct 1888, Darke Co., OH (by B. D. Hypes, MG). d/o William Corwin and Margaret Hulse. b. 10 May 1870, Darke Co., OH. d. 31 Dec 1948, Methodist Hospital. Indianapolis, IN; bur. Abbottsville, cem.

Elmer Vance was prominent in Darke Co. business, banking and political circles. He had a harness business and operated two grain exchanges. He was instrumental in organizing a utility company, and in founding a bank at Ansonia. Was member of Darke Co. Fair Board and was active in Republican politics. Member Methodist church. Three children.

(9) Rebecca ("Becky") -3- Vance

b. ca 1861, OH. d. in Iowa.

m. (1st) J. T. ("Tip") Boren, Darke Co., OH, 15 Feb 1882 (by George Cox, JP). He may be buried in IN. Divorced. Tip and Rebecca had five children.

m. (2nd) Isaac D. Robeson, 27 Jun 1901, Darke Co., OH (by William King Albright, MG). s/o William Robeson and Hester Dungan (Mary Duncan). b. 19 Mar 1853, Van Buren Twp., Darke Co., OH. d. 2 Jan 1931, Greenville Twp., Darke Co., OH; bur. Abbottsville cem.

(10) George Oliver ("Barney") -3- Vance

b. ca 1867, OH. d. 31 Dec 1957, IA; bur. IA

m. (1st) Minnie Winters, 25 Aug 1889, Darke Co., OH (by B. D. Hypes, MG). Divorced. They had one child, a daughter.

m. (2nd) -----, His second wife died in Iowa.

Child of Curless Vance and Mrs. Sarah J. [Roll] Pearson:

(11) Herschel V. -3- Vance

b. 2 Apr 1874, Darke Co., OH. d. 10 Mar 1928, Denver, CO.; bur. Abbottsville cem. (He went to Colorado for his asthma.) No children.

m. Laura B. Phinny, 10 Dec 1893, Darke Co., OH (by J. W. Kilbourn, MG). b. 1871, OH. d. 1959, Greenville, OH; bur. Abbottsville cem.

**3. John -2- Vance**

b. 7 Nov 1824, Montgomery Co., OH. d. 30 Jan 1905; bur. Pymont cem., Montgomery Co., OH.

m. Eveline (Emaline) Davis, 29 Sep 1845, near Pymont, Montgomery Co., OH (by J. P. Foster, Esq. JP). b. 12 Mar 1829, near Pymont, OH. d. 13 Jul 1882; bur. Pymont cem.

John Vance served in Civil War, Co. I, 71st Ohio Infantry, 1st Brigade, 2nd Division, 4th A. C.

He moved to Eldorado, Preble Co., OH in 1875 and started a general store with his son-in-law, George Schreel.

(1) Mary M. -3- Vance

b. 27 Jan 1847, OH. d. 2 Nov 1851; bur. Pymont.

(2) Rebecca Jane ("Becky") -3- Vance

b. 1848, OH. d. 1910; bur. Abbottsville cem.

m. James B. Mundhenk. b. 1844. d. 1920; bur. Abbottsville. Served in Civil War. Three children.

(3) John W. -3- Vance

b. 18 Sep 1853. d. 24 Sep 1853; bur. Pymont.

(4) Sarah E. ("Sally") -3- Vance

b. 12 Sep 1856, OH. d. 10 Mar 1934, Hartford City, IN; bur. I. O. O. F. cem., Hartford City, IN.

m. George Schreel, Jr., OH. s/o George Schreel, Sr. and Rosanna Gentner. b. 26 Jan 1844, Pymont, OH. d. 22 Mar 1927, Hartford City, IN; buried I. O. O. F. cem., Hartford City, IN.

George Schreel moved his family from OH to Hartford City, IN about 1877. He purchased a grocery. In 1882, his brother, William, joined him in Hartford City. They established a successful general merchandise store which they operated until they retired in 1910. William died in 1920.

Both brothers were influential citizens. George, Sally and family were Presbyterians. Two children.

(5) Violetta Laura Belle -3- Vance

b. ca 1859, OH. d. ----

m. Will Burchard.

**4. George -2- Vance**

b. 1 Jan 1827, near Pymont, Montgomery Co., OH. d. 13 May 1910, at his farm home one and one-half miles south of Packerton, Kosciusko, Co., IN; bur. Packerton cem.

m. Margaret Milliken, 7 Oct 1847, Montgomery Co., OH. d/o Mathew Gray Milliken and Anna Hecathorn. b. 10 Jun 1828, Morris Twp., Green Co., PA. d. 6 Nov 1910, her farm home, same place as George; bur. Packerton cem.

George Vance was a farmer. After marriage, he farmed rented land in Ohio. Moved to Jackson Twp., Kosciusko Co., IN, 1854; bought 97 acres in sec. 31, erected log house, cleared the land and worked hard to pay for it. Years later he owned 317 acres, had 2-story brick home, substantial barn and outbuildings as result of his industry and excellent management. Lifelong Democrat; elected township trustee, 1882. He and family were active members of United Brethren church. Nine children. Birth dates not known for 3 of their children who died in infancy.

(1) William Jefferson -3- Vance

b. 4 Dec 1848, Montgomery Co., OH. d. 25 May 1921 near Packerton, IN; bur. Eel River cem., Jackson Twp., Kosciusko Co., IN. William was a farmer.

m. (1st) Mary Ann Walter, 1874, Warsaw, IN (by G. B. Wosley, MG). b. 1840. d. 1882; bur. Eel River cem. Mother of William's two children.

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- m. (2nd) Mrs. Mary E. Olinger, a widow, 4 Oct 1883. b. 26 Aug 1854. d. 16 Jan 1894; bur. Wabash Co., IN. No children by William Jefferson Vance.
- (2) Daniel M. -3- Vance  
b. 4 Jan 1852, Montgomery Co., OH. d. 1917 at home of daughter Almedia, Mrs. William E. Reed; bur. Packerton cem.  
m. Ann Catherine Bollinger, 4 Apr 1871. d/o Joseph Bollinger and Elizabeth Shoemaker. b. 4 Apr 1850. d. 12 Mar 1932, Silver Lake, Kosciusko Co., IN; bur. Packerton cem. Eight children.
- (3) John W. -3- Vance  
b. 25 Aug 1852. d. 20 Sep 1852; bur. Packerton.
- (4) Samuel W. -3- Vance  
b. 20 Sep 1859 (?). d. 11 Jan 1864; bur. Packerton.
- (5) George W. -3- Vance  
b. 17 Aug 1869, parents' home near Packerton, IN. d. 1936, Bristol, Elkhart Co., IN; bur. Lutheran Zion cem., Elkhart Co., IN. No children.  
m. Effie Reed, d/o Robert and Amilla Reed. b. 1873. d. 1928, Bristol, IN; bur. Lutheran Zion cem.  
George sold his share of his parents' farm to his nephew, Walter. In 1907, he bought a farm west of Bristol, IN where he and Effie lived until death.
- (6) Robert -3- Vance  
b. 11 May 1862. d. 22 Jun 1862; bur. Packerton cem.
- (7) James O. -3- Vance (infant)  
Birth, death dates not known. Bur. Packerton cem.
- (8) & (9) Infant children. Nothing known of them.

**5. Mary Mills -2- Vance**

- b. 23 Sep 1828, near Pyrmont, Montgomery Co., OH. d. 25 Jul 1891, Troy, KS; bur. Mount Olive cem., Troy, KS.  
m. Elwood Irvin Small, 5 Feb 1846, Montgomery Co. s/o Henry Charles Small and Keziah Ware. b. 20 Dec 1826, Pyrmont, OH. d. 5 Jan 1897, Troy, KS; bur. Mount Olive cem., Troy, Doniphan Co., KS.  
Soon after Easter, 1867, Mary lost an eye when struck by tree branch while riding in an open wagon. Thereafter, she wore an eye patch. That summer, the Smalls with their 3 surviving children, moved by wagon train to KS. They arrived in September and settled on a farm near Willis, Brown Co., KS, near Horton where Elwood's brother, Henry had settled earlier. (Henry was first rural mail carrier out of Horton; was over 100 years old when he died 28 Oct 1935.) Elwood moved his family to Nemaha Co., KS; later to Fillmore, MO where he kept an inn, was a cabinet maker and photographer. About 1882 the family went to Troy, KS where Elwood was cabinet maker and photographer. He built large house with attached shop on Main St., Troy.
- (1) George William -3- Small  
b. 26 Dec 1851, Montgomery Co., OH. d. 4 Mar 1852, Montgomery Co., OH; bur. Ithaca cem. Darke Co., OH (in Rev. Joseph C. Shepherd's plot).
- (2) Mary Catherine -3- Small  
b. 13 Jun 1858, Darke Co., OH. d. 4 Aug 1940. Troy, KS; bur. Mount Olive cem.

m. (1st) William Jones, 28 Mar 1875, Brown Co., Kansas. One child.

m. (2nd) William Allen ("Al") Garvin, 2 Oct 1882, Fillmore, MO. b. Wyand, Bureau Co., IL. d. 16 Jul 1939, Troy, KS; bur. Mount Olive cem.

Al served in Civil War, Co. H, 146 Illinois Volunteer Infantry. Was an honor guard at Lincoln's funeral. In 1939, he was National Vice-Commander of G. A. R. Was Masonic authority; member of the Masonic lodge and Knights Templar Chapter, Troy, KS and of Abdallah Shrine, Overland Park, KS. He and wife were charter members of Eastern Star, Troy. Al moved to KS on 8 Jan 1870 and bought farm near Troy; was well-known orchardist. He was a carpenter by trade and built over 200 large houses and barns in Doniphan Co., KS. Five children.

- (3) John Howard -3- Small  
b. 30 Oct 1859, Darke Co., OH. d. 26 Jan 1924, Muscotah, Atchison Co., KS; bur. Muscotah cem.  
m. Nancy ("Nannie") Elizabeth Campbell, 15 Oct 1890, Muscotah, KS. She d. 7 Jun 1946; bur. Muscotah cem. Four children.
- (4) Rebecca Jane -3- Small  
b. 24 Oct 1861, Darke Co., OH. d. 4 May 1845, Ponca City, Kay Co., OK; bur. Maple City, KS cem.  
m. Isaiah Wilson Pettigrew, 16 Nov 1882. Fillmore, Andrew Co., MO. b. 8 Mar 1856. d. 3 Jul 1946, Ponca City, OK; bur. next to wife. 7 children.

**6. Ann Rebecca -2- Vance**

- b. 23 Jul 1830 near Pyrmont, OH. d. 25 Dec 1898, Darke Co., OH; bur. Abbottsville cem., Darke Co., OH.  
m. John Livingston, Jr., 6 Mar 1951. s/o John Livingston, Sr. b. 9 Feb 1831, VA (now WV). d. 16 Oct 1900; bur. Abbottsville cem.  
John Livingston, Jr. served in Civil War. After retiring from farming, John and his family lived in Midnight School District, about four miles east of Greenville, OH.
- (1) John W. -3- Livingston  
b. ca 1852, OH. d. Infancy.
- (2) Ellen ("Elly") -3- Livingston  
b. ca 1854, Montgomery Co., OH. d. ----  
m. David Heckman, 16 Mar 1871, Darke Co., OH (by Tobias Kreider, MG). s/o Daniel Heckman and Anna ----. b. ca 1841, OH. They were a farm family. David and Ellen had four children listed in 1880 census, Franklin Twp., Darke Co., OH.
- (3) William Allen -3- Livingston  
b. 16 Mar 1856, Preble or Darke Co., OH. d. ----.  
m. Rebecca J. Gipe, 28 Oct 1880, Darke Co., OH (by James Best, MG). d/o Garret C. Gipe and Mary J. ----. b. Nov 1854, OH.  
William successfully farmed 159 acres in Wabash Twp., Darke Co., OH. Had 7 or 8 children.
- (4) Isabella -3- Livingston  
b. ca 1858, Darke Co., OH. d. 1875; bur. Martin cem., Greenville Twp., Darke Co., OH.

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- (5) Martha Jane ("Jennie") -3- Livingston  
b. ca. 1859, Darke Co., OH. d. -----.  
m. David Stoltz, 27 May 1884, Darke Co., OH  
(by J. E. Dingledine, MG).
- (6) Lucy Ann -3- Livingston  
b. Apr 1861, Darke Co., OH. d. 1946; bur. Abbotts-  
ville cem. Lucy lived with her father in 1900 census.  
Her tombstone says "Lucy A. Julick (Mother)".
- (7) Mary Margaret ("Millie" "Mollie") -3- Livingston  
b. Oct 1864, Van Buren Twp., Darke Co., OH.  
d. 1923 (ca one month after husband's death), 205  
Martin St., Greenville, OH; bur. Abbottsville. cem.  
m. John Irvin Erisman, 3 Jun 1881, Darke Co.,  
OH (by James M. Crawford, MG). s/o Henry H.  
Erisman and Mary Jane Reck. b. 13 May 1852,  
Darke Co., OH. d. 24 Apr 1923. d. 205 Martin St.,  
Greenville, OH; bur. Abbottsville. Two children.
- (8) Charles Elmer -3- Livingston  
b. Feb 1868 (1867), OH. d. 1940; bur. Abbottsville.  
m. Cora Gardner, 2 Sep 1893, Darke Co., OH  
(by C. W. Hoeffler, MG). b. Oct 1874 (1876), IN.  
d. 1906; bur. Abbottsville cem. One child.

**7. Harrison -2- Vance**

b. 30 May 1832, near Pymont, Montgomery Co., OH. d. 5  
May 1864, near Chancellorsville (now Chancellor), VA;  
killed in action, Civil War, Battle of the Wilderness.

m. Elizabeth Reichard, 1 Feb 1852 (by D. H.  
Flickinger, MG), Perry Twp., Montgomery Co., OH. d/o  
Samuel Reichard and Margaret ("Peggy") Floyd. b. 25 Jan  
1834, Montgomery Co., OH. d. 10 Jan 1910; bur. Abbotts-  
ville cem., Darke Co., OH [per Ken Finton]. Four children.

She m. (2nd) Cornelius Byers, 28 Feb 1866, Darke  
Co., OH (by Wm. McCaughey, MG). Two children.

Harrison Vance enlisted (for 3 years) 6 Aug 1862 in  
110th Ohio Volunteer Infantry at Camp Piqua, OH. At  
time of Wilderness battle, he was corporal, Co. B., 110  
Regt., 3rd Div, 6th Corps. O.V.I. War Dept. report lists  
him as wounded and missing in action. Federal casualties  
were 20,000. The woods caught fire. Many wounded men  
died of burns and smoke. His body was never identified.  
Pension claim by widow was approved. When he enlisted,  
Harrison Vance had 3 living children: owned 80-acre farm:  
(N 1/2, SW 1/4, Sec. 22), Van Buren Twp., Darke Co., OH.

(1) Mary Ann -3- Vance

b. 15 May 1853, Van Buren Twp., Darke Co., OH.  
d. 17 Jan 1924, Piqua, Miami Co., OH; bur. Abbotts-  
ville cem., Van Buren Twp., Darke Co., OH.

m. Eli Black, 3 Aug 1870, Darke Co., OH (by  
C. C. Briney, JP). s/o Henry Black and Jane Cook.  
b. 1 Dec 1842, Greenville, OH. d. 19 Sep 1913,  
Darke Co.; bur. Abbottsville. Fourteen children.

(2) Rebecca E. -3- Vance

b. 6 Sep 1854, OH. d. 12 Apr 1857, OH.

(3) John Christley -3- Vance

b. 26 Feb. 1857, Van Buren Twp., Darke Co., OH.  
d. 10 Oct 1941, Greenville, OH.; bur. Abbottsville.

m. Bertha M. ("Bird") Cain, 10 Dec 1880, Darke  
Co., OH (by G. W. Wright, MG). d/o Emanuel and  
Jane Cain. b. 13 Oct 1859, Pymont, OH. d. 14 Dec  
1944, Greenville, OH; bur. Abbottsville cem.

John Christley Vance, lifelong resident of Darke  
Co.; lived 111 Warren St., Greenville. Was building  
contractor; supervised construction of St. Paul's Ev-  
angelical and Reformed Church, West Third St.,  
Greenville. Three children.

(4) Samuel Jefferson -3- Vance

b. 12 Feb 1859, near Arcanum, Darke Co., OH.  
d. 14 Nov 1919, Van Buren Twp., Darke Co., OH;  
bur. Abbottsville cem.

m. (1st) Mary Jane Esworthy, 3 Apr 1879, Preb-  
le Co., OH (by Henry Surface, MG). d/o Nathaniel  
and Mary Elizabeth Esworthy. b. 2 Aug 1853, PA.  
d. 17 Feb 1914, Anderson, IN; bur. East Maplewood  
cem., Anderson, IN. Three children.

m. (2nd) Mrs. Sarah E. [Black] Niswander,  
6 Jun 1900, Darke Co., OH (by T. P. James, MG).  
d/o William Black and Mary Steinmetz. b. 1870.  
d. 1929; bur. Abbottsville. Samuel adopted Sarah's  
daughter, Sadie. After death of Samuel J. Vance,  
Sarah married Philip Frederick.

Samuel was carpenter; railroad worker. Member  
of Euclid Ave. United Brethren church, Dayton, OH.

According to descendants, Samuel deserted first  
wife and 3 children about 1889. Mary Jane divorced  
him, 31 May 1900 (Darke Co., records). She worked  
and reared the children. She never remarried.

**8. Lucinda ("Lou") -2- Vance**

b. 27 Nov 1838, near Pymont, Montgomery Co., OH. d. 6  
Jan 1925 at home of her daughter Dona B. (Mrs. Jacob B.  
Long), Greenville, OH; bur. Abbottsville cem.

m. Lewis William (known as William) Wikle, 14 Apr  
1869, Darke Co., OH (by Christopher Briney, JP). s/o  
Uriah Wikle and Susannah Gruber. b. 8 Jul 1844, OH. d.  
1 Feb 1896(7); bur. Abbottsville cem.

William Wikle was member of 44th Ohio Volunteer  
Infantry and Co. G., 8th Ohio Volunteer Cavalry, Civil  
War. Member of Grand Army of the Republic (G. A.R.).

For 28 years, William and Lou made their home on a  
farm in Van Buren Twp., Darke Co., OH, near Nineveh.  
As a widow, Lou made her home with daughter Dona, first  
in the Long's farm home and later in their home in  
Greenville. She also was foster mother of a nephew, Elmer  
Vance, who lived with her and William for several years.  
They were members of United Brethren church.

(1) Oliver P. -3- Wikle

b. 1869, Van Buren Twp., Darke Co., OH. d. 1963,  
Wayne hospital, Greenville, OH; bur. Abbottsville.

m. (1st) Erta Doris Clark, 6 Mar 1897, Darke  
Co., OH (by W. J. Pruner, MG). d/o Leander Clark  
and Susie Myers. b. 24 Jun 1876, Darke Co., OH.

d. 16 Dec 1948, Greenville, OH; bur. Abbottsville.

m. (2nd) Lucy Bankson.



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Oliver was rural mail carrier. He began working for the post office in 1905 and retired in 1935. He was member of Congregational Christian church, Greenville Masonic lodge and Dayton, Ohio Scottish Rite. His second wife survived him. No children.

- (2) Edith May -3- Wikle  
b. 7 Mar 1872. d. 10 Nov 1879; bur. Abbottsville.
- (3) Dona B. -3- Wikle  
b. 1875, Darke Co., OH. d. 1964, St. Clair Home, Greenville, OH; bur. Abbottsville. Lived in Greenville for 60 years. Moved to St. Clair Home some time after death of her husband. No children.  
m. Jacob B. Long, 20 Oct 1898, Darke Co., OH (by G. M. Hemphill, MG). s/o John Long and Nancy Bigler. b. 1875, Adams Twp., Darke Co., OH. d. 1958, Greenville, OH; bur. Abbottsville cem.  
Jacob B. Long graduated Versailles, OH high school, 1896; attended Manchester (IN) college and Ohio State univ. He was farmer early in life, but was active in teaching for about 35 years, beginning in rural schools of Darke Co. In 1908, he joined faculty of East School, Greenville. He was principal of this elementary school for several years. Methodists.

**9. Leatha Ann ("Leathy") -2- Vance**

b. 29 Sep 1840, near Pymont, Montgomery Co., OH. d. 25 Jan 1915; bur. Abbottsville cem.

m. Anthony Olwine, 1 Sep 1860, Darke Co., OH (by Joseph C. Shepherd, MG). s/o David Olwine (1810-1873) and Nancy Graybill (1815-1852). b. 28 Feb 1837, Montgomery Co., OH. d. 23 Jul 1890, Darke Co., OH; bur. Abbottsville. Farmer, Van Buren Twp., Darke Co., OH. Members of Church of the Brethren. Seven children.

- (1) John Harvey -3- Olwine  
b. 12 Jun 1861, near Arcanum, Darke Co., OH. d. 30 Mar 1920, Darke Co., OH; bur. Abbottsville cem.  
m. Delilah Oswalt, 26 Oct 1882, Darke Co., OH (by Tobias Kreider, MG) d/o John Jacob Oswalt and Elizabeth Baker. b. 27 Apr 1863, Darke Co., OH. d. 28 Mar 1920, Darke Co., OH; bur. Abbottsville cem.  
John Harvey had a farm near Coletown, Darke Co. On night of 28 Mar 1920 a disastrous tornado struck. The home and farm buildings were destroyed. His wife was killed instantly. John survived and called neighbors for help. He died of his injuries two days later. Members, Church of the Brethren. Seven children: 4 boys, 3 girls.
- (2) Elmer Elsworth ("Worth") -3- Olwine  
b. 8 Sep 1863, Darke Co., OH. d. 1927, Manitou Beach, Lenawee Co., MI; bur. Greenville city cem.  
m. Clara Maud Fowble, 8 Sep 1888, Darke Co., OH (by Silas Gilbert, MG). d/o Eli Harrison Fowble and Clara McGriff. b. 5 Dec 1864, Castine, Darke Co., OH. d. 5 May 1944, Greenville, OH; bur. Greenville city cem. Two children: boy and girl.  
Worth Olwine was reared on his parents' farm. Later, he entered hardware business at Arcanum.

Moved to Greenville about 1907 and ran Farmer's Hotel on East Main St. for several years. After that, he was traveling salesman for remainder of his life. He and his wife were at a summer cottage when he suddenly suffered a fatal stroke. He had suffered previous strokes which had handicapped him to some extent but he had continued working.

- (3) Luella R. -3- Olwine  
b. May 1865, Darke Co., OH. d. 1947; bur. Greenville, OH city cem.  
m. George W. Fisher, 9 Sep 1888, Darke Co., OH (by Silas Gilbert, MG). s/o Ephraim Fisher and Sarah ----, farmers living in Mississinewa Twp., Darke Co. b. Aug 1867, OH. d. 1951; bur. Greenville city cem.  
In 1900 census, this family was living at Arcanum, Darke Co. George's occupation: undertaker. They had two daughters, b. Jul 1889 and Jan 1892.
- (4) Alice -3- Olwine  
b. Jan 1868, Darke Co., OH. d. 1946; bur. Abbottsville cem., Darke Co.  
m. William P. Thorne (Thorn), 23 Jun 1889 Darke Co., OH (by Silas Gilbert, MG).  
In 1900 census, Alice, widow, was living with brother, Edwin and his family in Mississinewa Twp. She had daughter Clemmie, b. Jun 1890. Her mother, Leathy, was also living with Edwin at that time. In 1910, Alice was living at Greenville with Leathy and with Clemmie who was working as cigar maker.
- (5) William D. -3- Olwine  
b. ca 1869, Darke Co., OH. d. ----  
m. Clara Mundhenk, 25 Oct 1890, Darke Co., OH (by Henry Cooke, MG)
- (6) Edwin M. -3- Olwine  
b. Jan 1871, OH. d. 1920; bur. Abbottsville cem.  
m. Caroline ("Callie") Weidman, 12 Sep 1895, Darke Co., OH (by B. F. Sharp, MG). b. May 1862, OH. d. 1936; bur. Abbottsville cem.  
Farm family; lived Mississinewa Twp., 1900, 1920 censuses; Neave Twp, 1910. Five children.
- (7) Charles A. -3- Olwine  
b. May 1873, Darke Co., OH. d. ----  
m. Frances May Rofelty, 24 Aug 1893, Darke Co., OH (by W. K. Simons, MG). d/o Christopher Rofelty and Sarah ----. b. Apr 1874, OH.  
Farm family; lived Jackson Twp., 1900 census; Mississinewa Twp., 1910, 1920. Four children.

**10. James Harvey ("Harve") -2- Vance**

b. 10 Oct 1844, near Pymont, Montgomery Co., OH. d. 9 Feb 1930, Greenville hospital, Greenville, Darke Co., OH; bur. Abbottsville cem., Van Buren Twp., Darke Co., OH.

m. (1st) Mary Catherine Schreel, 27 May 1869 at bride's home, Preble Co., OH (by James Eckman, MG). d/o George Schreel and Rosanna Gentner. b. 4 May 1846, Pymont, Montgomery Co., OH. d. 22 Apr 1908, Greenville, OH; bur. Abbottsville cem. Seven children.

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m. (2nd) Mrs. Mary O. [Figel] Geyer, 18 Jun 1910 at United Brethren church (by J. M. Replogle, MG). Divorced from George Geyer in 1898. No children by J. H. Vance.

James Harvey Vance grew up on his father's farm in Van Buren Twp., Darke Co. After death of his father, Michael, Harve remained on this farm with his family and also cared for his widowed mother until her death. To replace the old log cabin, Harve had a large modern frame house built. He added new barns and lived there until 1900 when he retired; moved to Greenville where he bought a home on Wayne Ave. In 1930, Harve fell on an icy sidewalk and broke his hip. He was taken to the hospital where he died of pneumonia. His first wife was a member of prominent Schreel family of Preble, Montgomery and Darke Counties. Members of United Brethren church.

Harve served in Civil War: Co. I, 152nd O. V. I.; and was member of Jobs Post. G. A. R., Greenville, OH.

(1) William Harrison ("Harry") -3- Vance

b. 5 Mar 1870, Van Buren Twp., Darke Co. d. 6 Oct 1936, Greenville, OH; bur. Greenville city cem.

m. Annie Edna Cline, 25 Dec 1894, Arcanum, OH (by Frank Bohn, United Brethren MG). d/o Henry Miller Cline and Mary Catherine Shepherd. b. 29 Apr 1876, Arcanum, OH. d. 3 Aug 1958, Greenville, OH; bur. Greenville city cem.

Reared on his parents' farm, Harry attended Van Buren Academy and Ohio Wesleyan univ. Taught school 14 years. Owned general store with brother-in-law, C. O. Niswonger at Pitsburg, OH. Then, he bought grocery store at Greenville, OH. Later, he added another grocery and a bakery. He was horticulturalist. Adding a greenhouse to home property at Greenville, he developed a variety of new flowers. Was a civic leader, member of school board, library board; on board of director of a bank and industrial company; active in United Brethren church and Rotary. Wife taught school before marriage; taught Sunday School for more than 50 years; leader in area church-related societies, cultural organizations and Daughters of American Revolution. Ten children

(2) George Curless -3- Vance

b. 8 Aug 1871, Darke Co., OH.  
d. 5 Feb 1874; bur. Abbottsville cem.

(3) Daisy Odell -3- Vance

b. 14 Oct 1873, Darke Co. d. 14 Feb 1966, Detroit, MI; bur. Parkview Memorial cem., Livonia, MI.

m. James Calvin Martin, 13 Apr 1898, Darke Co., OH (by S. B. Ervin, MG). s/o Eli Martin and Harriet Trump. b. 1 Sep 1866, Darke Co., OH; d. 17 Nov 1918, Greenville, OH; bur. Abbottsville cem.

J. C. Martin was reared on parents' farm near Versailles, Darke Co. He was railroad freight conductor, school teacher and finally a well-known leaf tobacco buyer. Family home was on Wayne Ave., Greenville. Mr. Martin died suddenly of apoplexy. In her later years, Daisy made her home with son, James Harvey Martin. Four children.

(4) Charles Ambrose -3- Vance

b. 7 Apr 1875, Darke Co., OH. d. 15 Oct 1894. Dayton, OH; bur. Abbottsville cem.

(5) Edith Rose ("Rose") -3- Vance

b. 15 Feb 1877, Darke Co., OH. d. 21 Oct 1961, Greenville, OH Sanitarium where she had been a patient for 5 months; bur. Mote cem., Darke Co.

m. Clifford Olwine ("Cliff") Niswonger, 24 Dec 1901, Darke Co., OH (by Jesse Stutsman, MG). s/o David Warner Niswonger and Elizabeth Olwine. b. 21 Dec 1876, OH; d. 196-; bur. Mote cem.

Cliff was reared on his parents' farm in Monroe Twp., Darke Co., OH. He operated a general store at Pitsburg, Monroe Twp., Darke Co. In the early years the store was held in partnership with his brother-in-law, Harry Vance. After a few years he bought Mr. Vance's share and was sole owner thereafter. Cliff was president of First National Bank of Pitsburg; postmaster of Pitsburg. Held various village offices. Among other organizations, he was a member of Masonic lodge at Arcanum and Scottish Rite, Dayton. Family belonged to Methodist church. Four children.

(6) Virgil E. -3- Vance

b. 1 Apr 1881, Darke Co., OH. d. 28 Jan 1957, Wayne Hospital, Greenville, OH; bur. Abbottsville.

m. Abbie May Baker, ca 1899, Darke Co., OH. d/o William Baker and Susan Corwin. b. Sep 1880, Darke Co. d. 1960, near Lynn, IN; bur. Abbottsville.

After marriage, this couple lived with Abbie's parents in their farm home, Van Buren Twp. After a short time, they moved to Greenville where Virgil was employed as men's clothing salesman at Palace Dept. Store. He worked at Palace for over 40 years. Members of Greenville Evangelical United Brethren church. Virgil was a Mason and Abbie a member of Eastern Star. Abbie had fatal heart attack while going by auto to visit friends in Indiana. No children.

(7) Unnamed baby girl -3- Vance

Stillborn. Buried Abbottsville cem.

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This record of the children and grandchildren of Michael and Rebecca [Mills] Vance was compiled by Joseph Harvey Vance, son of Harry and Annie [Cline] Vance, grandson of James Harvey and Mary Catherine [Schreel] Vance and great-grandson of Michael and Rebecca [Mills] Vance.

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**Ezekial Vance**  
**d. 1768 York Co. PA**  
**by Kathleen Mason**

*Prefatory Remarks: In 1986 Marilyn Muller was in Florida for her usual 3 months visit. She met Carolyn K. Shearer and they discovered they both had a Vance ancestor. VFA was in it's infancy then, and they decided to drive up to Jackson for a visit so we could discuss Vance genealogy. Carolyn left a hand drawn chart of her line, which is shared below. We have lost track of her, so further information cannot be obtained at present. The following is from her chart. We have had inquiries on this line.*

Ezekial Vance was born ca 1740 and died March 24, 1768 Menallen Twp, York (now Adams) Co., PA. He married ca 1759 Elinor Curry b. ca 1743, daughter of Barnabus Curry of York Co. PA. Children:

1. Ann b. ca 1760
2. Mary b. 1761
3. John b. 1762 - went to Fayette Co. PA.
4. William b. 1764 York Co. PA. d. 1804 Fayette Co. PA. Married Sarah Moore, daughter of James and Jannet Moore at Rock Creek Presbyterian Church in Gettysburg, PA. She was born ca 1765 York Co. PA. d. ca 1846 Guernsey Co. OH. Her father appointed guardian of minor children of Ezekial Sr. 1768.
  1. James b. 1787 York Co. PA d. 1833 Guernsey Co. OH m. Abigail ca 1810
    1. Jane b. 1810 m. David Spears
    2. William b. 1810 m. Catherine (Newell) Knox
    3. John b. 1812 m. Nancy Smith
    4. Mary b. 1811 m. Wm. Henderson, Jr.
    5. James b. 1814 m. Mary Jane Henderson
    6. Thomas b. 1818 m. Anna W. Carnel
    7. Sarah b. ca 1820 m. Isaac Newton Thompson
    8. Joseph ?
  2. William b. 12/18/1792 York Co. PA d. 6/21/1877 Belmont Co. PA m. ca 1814 Katherine 5/31/1791 PA d. 8/17/1845 Malaga, Monroe Co. OH.
    1. Thomas b. 1814 m. Martha
    2. John b. 1816 d. 1882 Noble Co. OH d.s.p.
    3. Isaac b. 1820 d. 1872 m. Elizabeth Matchett
    4. William b. 1822 d. 1858 m. Margaret
    5. Rhoda b. 1824 d. aft 1900 d.s.p.
    6. Eliza b. 1826 d. 1852 d.s.p.
    7. David b. 1828 d. 1903 m. Eliza Mills (line of Carolyn Shearer)
    8. Sarah b. 1830 d. aft 1882 d.s.p
  3. Jane b. ca 1795/6 Fayette Co. PA d. 1867 Guernsey Co. OH m. 1816 Guernsey Co. OH William Grier b. 1794 PA d. 1846 Guernsey OH. Son of Henry Grier, Rev. Soldier.
    1. John b. 1817 m. Susannah
    2. Ezekial b. 1819 m. Dorcas A.
    3. Permila b. 1827
    4. James b. 1829
    5. William b/ ? - d. 1836
    6. perhaps others.
5. Einor b. 1766
6. Ezekial b. 4/1768 York Co. PA d. 1846 Guernsey Co. OH. He owned tavern & inn on Old National Pike, also was a J.P. He married ca 1815 Sarah (Moore) Vance, widow of William. d.s.p.

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**DAVID VANCE OF NORTH CAROLINA AND TENNESSEE**

By Mary Ewart

The following information is what I have from family members or documentation that I know is probably true:

David Vance (my great greatgrandfather) is shown on a Hawkins County, TN 1830 Census and this shows that he had three young sons and that he was 30-40 years of age. He also had one young daughter, three daughters ages 15-20 and one wife I guess age 40-50.

I know that the sons were: John Rogers Vance (my great grandfather)

b. 15 Dec 1816 Eastern TN

d. 1 May 1877 Boone Co., Ark.

Buried Bald Knob Cemetery, Rally Hill, Ark.

Walter Johnson Vance

b. 1823 TN - probably Hawkins Co.

d. 1860 Conway Co. Ark.

James Monroe Vance

b. 27 Jan 1827 Hawkins Co., TN

d. sometime after 1880 - CA

Three of the girls were Liza who married a Burns or Burris, \_\_\_\_\_ Luney or Looney and Elizabeth who married an Allen. Note that the three oldest girls were born between 1810-1830.

David Vance was apparently located in Hawkins Co., TN sometime around or right after 1816. On 5 Nov 1835 he and Joseph Gilliam received a TN Land Grant of 150 acres in Hawkins County. The description briefly stated it was "on the North side of the Holston River area in Hawkins County. It states the land is in the Caney Valley and is on "both sides of Fishing Creek - joining Gilliams's line and others Also mentioned is "S. Johnson line". It is interesting that David, age being 35-45 in 1835, obtained land with Joseph Gilliam who was in an age group younger (25-35 in 1835). It makes one wonder if there was a close relationship between the Gilliams and the Vances. Caney Valley and Fishing Creek are not far South of the Virginia border David must have been near the top of his age group as his wife was in the next higher group.

Hinchea Gilliam, the father, and David must have had a close relationship. A deed was found made by Hinchea Gilliam dated 8 Sept 1832. One witness was Stephen Johnson (a neighbor), another Wm. C. Reynolds and the other David Vance. The land described was described as in Marrian Co. Tn and being "on the N. side of the Holston River in Cany Valley". It is a 60 acre parcel "adjacent with Watterson and said Gilliam".

Hinchea Gilliam and his family as a group moved to Marion Co. TN in 1832. Around this time David and his three sons named above moved down to Marion Co. Tn and settled on Battle Creek near the Tennessee River. They were also probably near the Gilliam family. My great grandfather, John Rogers Vance, would have been only 16 or 17 at the time of this move. A grandson of David stated that David was settled in Marion County on Battle Creek but he also named Gunter's Landing which has caused some confusion for this Landing was located down the River at Guntersville, Alabama.

David must not have been in Marion County by 1840 or had died by then for the only listing on the 1840 Census is a Sarah Vance. I suppose he could have remarried but I do not know. He either died in Marion County TN or Jackson County, ALA.

In the meantime my John Rogers Vance had moved to Alabama and was living on Crow Creek in what is now Jackson County, ALA. According to family information he had a wife and two children that died. There was a family of Austins living on Crow Creek at that time. John Rogers married Emily Asbury Austin Beene (her husband, Wm. J. Beene, had been killed in the War and left her with a small son - he was buried in Canton, MS.). John Rogers and Emily Austin Beene were married in ALA sometime between 1840-42

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Some miscellaneous items found in Arkansas records are as follows: an entry on 19 June 1852 - John Allen and Elizabeth Allen to John R. of Marion County - witnessed by James M. Austin. An entry on 14 Mar 1857 - Wm. R. Austin and Elizabeth Austin to John R. Vance in Carroll County - witnessed by J. M. Boyd.

In the 1860 Census for Boone County, Ark. entries are found for Mary Austin, age 63, born in TN, Daniel W. Austin, age 28, born in ALA, Delia, age 22, born in ALA, and Mary A. Austin, age 17, born in ALA. Apparently Mary Austin and her family followed the Vances to Arkansas.

Uncle Morris enlisted at the age of 17 years and was with the 3rd Arkansas Cavalry. He was bestowed the honorary title of General over the South by the South at Tampa, Florida in 1926. This is shown at the Old Court Museum at Vicksburg. He was a Confederate Commander. His uniform is at the University Library in Fayetteville, Arkansas. ( Note: Uncle Morris came to visit us here in Tahlequah when I was a child and he would always bring his full Confederate uniform, medals, hat and all. He would put me on his knee with all of my neighborhood friends sitting on the floor and tell us tales of the Civil War. He remained a true Confederate Southerner until the day he died and was very bitter about the War. I visited him in 1939 in Little Rock and have also been to Fayetteville to Arkansas U. to see his uniform.

My grandfather was Dr. Bascom James Vance, son of John Rogers Vance, My cousin Dr. Henry Vance Kirby (named after my father) wrote an enclosed article that tells about Bascom. Bascom married Fannie Bell Marshall in 1874 and they lived in Lead Hill, Arkansas. He practiced medicine there and also in Valley Springs, Arkansas. They moved to Harrison, Arkansas in 1899. He fell off his horse and hurt himself so that he had trouble riding his horse to see his patients. He moved his family to Checotah, OK in 1904 which was before statehood. There he rode in a horse and buggy to continue practicing. Bascom was the first president of the Oklahoma Medical Association. He finally bought a car which was the only one he ever owned. His son, Asbury Johnson Vance (actually the II), was a Doctor also and was president of the Medical Association one time also. Bascom and Fannie had ten children: Maude Zora - b. 21 July 1875 Lead Hill, Boone Co., Ark.

d. 9 Mar 1876 at Lead Hill  
Asbury Johnson - b. 3 Apr 1877 Lead Hill, Boone Co., Ark.  
(Berry) d. 10 Aug 1902 Checotah, McIntosh Co., OK  
m. Maude McGregor 1900  
Henry Marvin - b. 26 Mar 1879 Lead Hill, Boone Co., Ark.  
(my father) d. 15 Feb 1976 Tahlequah, Cherokee Co., OK  
m. Mary Telela Young 30 May 1903 Yellville, Ark.  
Virgie May - b. 1 Sept 1881 Lead Hill, Boone Co., Ark.  
d. 29 Nov 1974 Harrison, Boone Co., Ark.  
m. Lee B. Kirby 25 Sept 1904 Harrison, Ark.  
Mary Myrtle - b. 15 Dec 1883 Lead Hill, Boone Co., Ark.  
d. 17 Jan 1887 Bellefont, Boone Co., Ark.  
Jesse McTiere - b. 12 Jan 1886 Valley Sprs. Boone Co. Ark.  
d. 1870 Muskogee, Muskogee Co., OK  
m. Verna Vance 29 Apr 1916  
Bessie Alice - b. 21 Feb 1888 Valley Sprgs., Boone Co., Ark.  
d. 1968 Tahlequah, Cherokee Co. OK  
m. Walter Hensley 11 May 1905 - Checotah, OK  
Mamie Lou - b. 22 Feb 1891 Valley Sprgs., Boone Co., Ark.  
d. 17 Oct 1982 Austin, Travis Co., Texas  
m. Thomas Petty Reed 14 Oct 1908 Checotah, OK  
Lulu Emily - b. 3 Apr 1893 - Boone Co., Ark.  
d. 1986 - Tulsa, Tulsa Co., OK  
m. Waldo E. McIntosh 18 July 1914 Checotah,  
McIntosh Co., OK  
Frankie Irene b. 2 Aug 1898 Boone Co., Ark.  
d. 19\_\_ Miami, Ottawa Co., OK  
m. Hugh Gladden 4 June 1917 Checotah, McIntosh  
OK

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John Rogers Vance along with the Austin family built a houseboat and left TN between 1840-42 taking their families up the Tn River and Ark. River stopping in what is now Conway County, ARK. John's brother, Walther Johnson Vance stayed here and died there. He farmed and died in 1860. He married Mary Jane Plunkett 28 Mar 1853 and Martha Clingham 24 Apr 1871. His children were William, Sarah, Thomas, George, Mary and Walter.

John Rogers had enlisted and fought in the Florida Seminole Indian War in 1836 enlisting at Fayetteville, Franklin County, TN and mustering out at New Orleans, LA. He received a Land Grant in Carroll County (later becoming Boone County) Arkansas and moved his family up to this County in Arkansas in 1846. He had stopped in Perry County for awhile before moving North.

John Rogers founded a community in Southeast Boone County, Ark. and called it Rally Hill. There has been some speculation this might have been the Arkansas spelling for Raleigh, NC but I cannot verify this. His oldest son, Morris David, was born in Conway County, Ark. but the rest of his children were born at Rally Hill, Boone County, Ark. His children were:

Morris David - b. 2 June 1845 Conway Co., Ark.  
d. 23 Jan 1940 Little Rock, Pulaski Co., Ark.  
Buried at Conway, Faulkner Co., Ark.  
m. Matilda B. Hicks 8 Aug 1875  
m. Terry B. Hicks 12 Jul 1877  
Mary Jane (Mollie) - b. 21 Nov 1847 Rally Hill, Boone Co., Ark.  
d. 30 May 1909 Zephyr, Texas  
m. Wm. Henry Hicks 1866  
Dr. Bascom James - b. 6 June 1853 Rally Hill, Boone Co., Ark.  
(my grandfather) d. 27 July 1922 Checotah, McIntosh Co., OK  
m. Fannie Bell Marshall 23 Aug 1874  
Dr. Asbury Johnson - b. 1 May 1856 Rally Hill, Boone Co., Ark.  
d. 28 Apr 1913 St. Louis, Mo.  
m. Lulu G. Greenlee 25 Mar 1883 (no issue)  
Evalina Sanford - b. 30 Oct 1858 Rally Hill, Boone Co., Ark.  
d. 21 Dec 1924 Greybull, WY  
m. T. M. C. Birmingham 26 June 1878  
Capers Daniel - b. 1861 Rally Hill, Boone Co., Ark.  
d. 2 Feb 1893 Utah (no issue)  
Willis Pierce (Willie) - b. 1861 Rally Hill, Boone Co., Ark.  
d. ? either Checotah, Muskogee Co. OK  
or Muskogee, Muskogee Co. OK  
m. Ldia Sheppard  
Cora Shook - b. Dec 1866 Rally Hill, Boone Co., Ark.  
d. 1926 ?  
m. John C. Eaton 28 June 1888 ?

Dr. John Rogers Vance died 1 May 1877 and is buried at Bald Knob Cemetery in Boone County Ark. Emily Austin Vance died 2 Feb 1885 and is also buried at Bald Knob Cemetery in an unmarked grave. John Rogers and Emily had a daughter, Louisa Emily, born 31 Jul 1850 who died 15 Dec 1866 and she is buried at Bald Knob Cemetery.

One of Uncle Morris David Vance's wives - Matilda B. Hicks Vance - is buried at Bald Knob Cemetery also.

James Monroe Vance, son of David, settled in Scott County, Ark. at Waldron, Ark. for awhile and married Mary J. Butler, daughter of John Butler, there. In 1856 he moved his family to Oroville, Butte County, CA. He died in California sometime after 1880. His children were Mrs. Lizzie J. Taylor, Dr. Asbury Watson Vance and John B. Vance. In the CA 1880 Census of Solano County, James M. stated his parents were David and Annie E. and it is noted in the International Genealogical List that they were both born in North Carolina.

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John Rogers Vance located on Hog Creek in Boone County, Arkansas in 1846. He and Emily were devout Methodists and named five of their boys for Methodist Bishops and two of their girls for presiding Elders.

One of John Rogers' cousins led the Mormons into Utah. Which one I do not know.

My Aunt Virgie Vance Kirby (my father's sister) talked about an Aunt Delilah Cox living on the hill above the Creek. Fannie Marshall Vance called her "Deelie" and also said Mary Good was a relative. I think that might have been spelled "Goode".

I will try to shorten this by giving my direct genealogy:

David Vance - b. N. C.? lived in Hawkins County and then moved to Marion County, TN or Alabama where he died.  
His wife's name is supposed to have been Annie E.

David's son John Rogers Vance - born in Eastern TN, moved South to Marion County with his father and then he went to Crow Creek, Jackson Co., Alabama where he later married Emily Austin Beene (a widow with one young son). He built a houseboat along with the Austins and moved to Arkansas via the TN River and the Ark. River. He and his family ended up in Boone County, Arkansas (formerly Carroll Co.) at Rally Hill, Ark. where he died in 1877.

Dr. John Rogers Vance's son, Dr. Bascom James Vance, practiced medicine in Arkansas for awhile before moving his family to Checotah, OK in 1904 before statehood where he died in 1922. Bascom was the first President of the Oklahoma Medical Association.

Bascom James Vance's son, Henry Marvin Vance, was born in Lead Hill, Arkansas 26 Mar 1879 and eventually ended up in Tahlequah, Cherokee Co., OK where he died 15 Feb 1976 at the age of 96. He had married Mary Telela Young on 30 May 1903 in Yellville, Marion Co., Ark. She had been born in Yellville on 10 May 1880 and died on 1 Sep 1946 at Tahlequah, Cherokee County, Oklahoma.  
H. M. Vance was a lawyer in Tahlequah after coming there in 1912 and practiced law until he had a stroke in 1975.

Henry Marvin Vance and Mary T. Vance had two children - H. M. Jr., born 25 Feb 1911 and died 2 Aug 1930. He is buried in the Tahlequah City Cemetery at Tahlequah, OK. They also had a daughter - Mary Young Vance - born 24 Apr 1923 who is still living and married to John David Ewart. They were married 21 Dec 1946 and have had four children - Mary Jane (Herbert), Carol Ann (Knox), Dr. David Vance Ewart and Rev. John Henry Ewart.

*Comments by Kathleen: The strong legend in Mary Ewart's family is they were related to the family of Governor Zebulon Vance. See April 1995 NL where the live of Paul Mitchell's ancestor was proven to be descended from Samuel and Sarah Colville Vance, ancestors of Gov. Zebulon Vance. Note that Calvin Sharp Vance's ancestry is traced back to Samuel and Sarah Colville Vance, and his last child Nancy Vance was born about 1878 in Lead Hill, AR. Mary Ewart's father Henry Marvin Vance was born in Lead Hill, AR in 1879. This was a small community, and it seems there surely is a blood kinship here, but at this point in time the evidence is lacking to document it. Help!*

**THE ROBERT VANCE FAMILY OF FAYETTE AND GRANT COUNTIES, KENTUCKY**

*by Mary Jane Barnett Thorpe - Granddaughter of Amarias Vance (1829-1906)*

Our Robert Vance appears in Fayette County, KY in 1817. On December 10 of that year, he signed a marriage bond indicating his intention to marry Eliza Pearce. William Pearce, her father, signed as surety and gave his consent to the marriage. Robert Vance and Eliza/Elizabeth were married by R. Cloud and settled in Fayette County.

In 1819 William Pearce/Pierce sold his 15 acres "more or less" to his son-in-law and moved to Pendleton County in the area which became Grant County in 1820. The deed was dated 6 March 1819. Two years later on 18 April 1821, Robert Vance bought 9 plus acres adjoining his land from the estate of his deceased neighbor, Andrew Barber. Then on 8 February 1828, Robert and Elizabeth sold their 24 acres of land in Fayette County to John Williams and moved to Grant County, KY.

William Pierce died on 26 Jan 1827 in Grant County, leaving his second wife, Margaret, and their four children; George, Jane, James, and Martha as well as his oldest daughter Elizabeth Vance. When the estate was settled in February, 1830, each of the five children received a one fifth share of William's 43 acres of land on the Turnpike Road where he had operated a tavern. Elizabeth, George, James, and Martha all sold their shares of the land to John Childers, husband of their sister Jane. Elizabeth's deed states that she received this land as an heir of William Pierce.

Sadly, Robert Vance died in 1829 after he and Elizabeth moved to Grant County. The estate settlement, dated 23 January 1832, indicates that Robert had family in Fayette County. John Childers, administrator, reported numerous trips to Fayette County. Brothers Patrick and Joseph are mentioned in the settlement as is Robert's sister Elizabeth. A Lucyan Vance attests to the amount Robert owed Patrick and a Catherine Vance attests to the amount owed sister Elizabeth. Neither of these women is identified. At present this is all we know of Robert's family.

Apparently Robert was in the process of buying land in Grant County from James and Amelia Reed when he died. The deed dated 3 November 1830, conveys the 100 acres to the "heirs and legal representatives of Robert Vance dec'd". The estate settlement includes payment for this land.

Robert and Elizabeth had five children. Four of them; Amanda, Catherine, Elizabeth and Robert were born in Fayette County. The last, Amarias, was born in Grant County in November, 1829, some six months or so after her father's death. The Grant County Guardianship Records show that each child upon coming of age received \$50 as an inheritance from their father; each also was entitled to a one fifth share of land.

Elizabeth Vance stayed on the land near Williamstown as did her son, Robert. The 1850 census lists him as a farmer. In February, 1851, Robert bought the land inherited by Amanda and Amarias. That year the land was no longer listed under Elizabeth's name on the tax rolls but under Robert's instead. Elizabeth continued to live with Robert until her death at age 75 on 1 May 1875. She was buried in the Primitive Baptist Church Cemetery, now part of the Williamstown Cemetery.

The Vance children:

Amanda (Mandy), born 18 Jul 1819, married (1) Joshua Childers, Jr. in 1842. He died in 1849. They had three daughters: Lucy Jane, Atha Ann, and Martha E. In 1852 she married (2) Elisha Isaacks and they had one daughter, Sarah/Sallie. Amanda died in 1898 and is buried in the Williamstown Cemetery.

Catherine (Kate), born 1821/22 married John H. Daugherty in 1846. They moved to Illinois about 1856. The 1860 Logan Co., IL census shows two daughters -- Elizabeth and Sarah -- and two sons whose names are not clear. Nothing more is known of them.

Elizabeth, born 1823/24, married James H. Harding in 1848. They also moved to Illinois about 1856. They appear in the 1860 Logan Co. census and in the 1870 Macon Co., IL census. They had six children: Richard, Elizabeth,



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Margaret, James, Grant, and Mary. Another daughter, Amanda Catherine, is buried in a Logan Co. cemetery. Nothing more is known of them.

Robert, born 19 Feb 1827, married Nancy Jane Gaugh in 1851. They had at least eight children: Mary, Martha, Isabel, Virginia, Robert W., John F. and twins, Laura and Louisa. Robert died in 1908 and is buried in the Gaugh family cemetery in Grant Co., KY.

Amarias, born 16 Nov 1829, married Thomas Asbury Barnett in April, 1851. They moved to Illinois in 1856 and stayed there, living in both Logan and Macon counties. They had six children: John Robert, Elizabeth Sarah, Matilda Jane (Jennie), Mary A., Martha A., and Joseph Anderson. Thomas died in 1900, and Amarias in 1906. Both are buried in Two Mile Grove Cemetery near Lathem, Logan Co., IL. John Robert Barnett became a doctor and married Mary Jane Morris (the author's grandparents).

Our Robert Vance, who was probably born around 1795 and died in 1829, is often confused with another Robert Vance living at the same time in some of the same area. This other Robert was born in either 1787 or 1793 in Kentucky to William and Rebecca (Hinton) Vance and grew up in Scott County, KY. According to papers in the Kentucky Historical Society, he too had brothers named Patrick and Joseph, but he did not have a sister Elizabeth. He apparently was married twice. "Eliza Pearce" is given as his first wife. The name, the date, and the place are the same as for our Robert's marriage. Since we know that our Robert married the daughter of the only William Pearce/Pierce who seems to be in Fayette County at this time, this could not be the marriage of the Scott County Robert. We can follow our Robert and Elizabeth through documents in Fayette and Grant counties from their marriage to their deaths. It does not seem likely that there would have been another Eliza Pearce in Fayette County who could be confused with ours. Probably this other Robert's first marriage took place in Scott County where courthouse fires in 1833 and 1837 are said to have destroyed all the marriage records. This Robert's second marriage was to Lucinda Trussell of Owen Co., KY. They lived in Grant County for a time and are found on the 1840 Grant County census along with our Elizabeth Vance. This Robert is said to have had four children by his first wife. He and Lucinda had nine children. Around 1842 they moved to Jennings Co., IN where this Robert died sometime after 1870. Studying the documents pertaining to our Robert Vance makes it clear that the first wife of this Scott County Robert Vance was not "Eliza Pearce".

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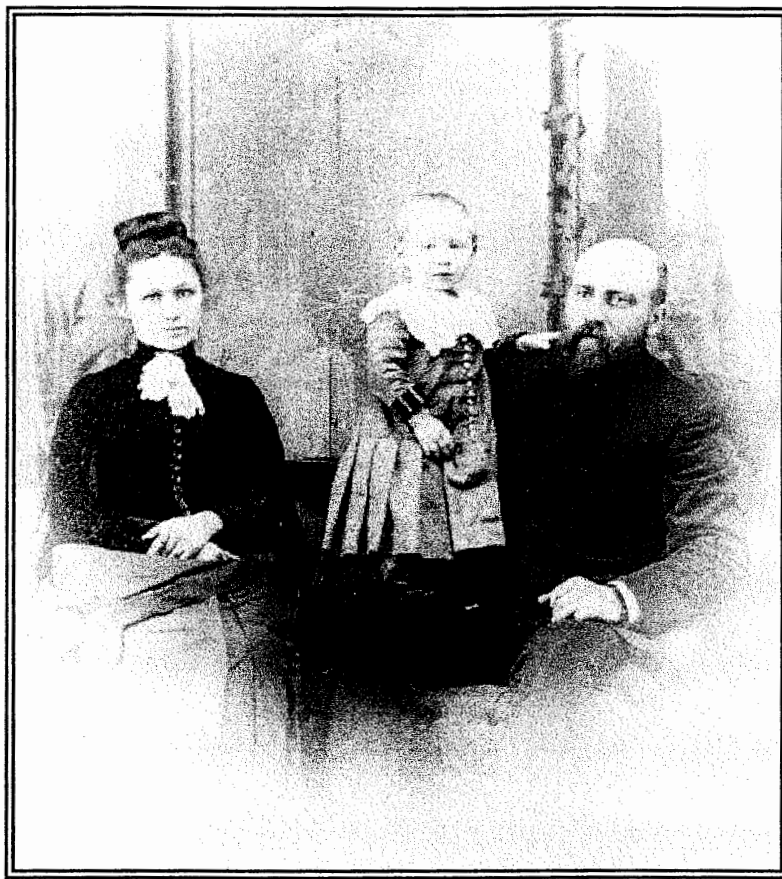
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If you have additional information that might help us discover more about this Robert Vance, such as where he was born or who his parents were, please do not hesitate to contact us.

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## JOHN AND JANE BLACK VANCE AND THEIR DESCENDANTS

By Mary Vance Norfleet

*Prefatory remarks: Tom Pinkerton's article in the VFA Newsletter, April, 1988, established John Vance's father as James Vance of Frederick Co., VA who died in 1762. However, two early manuscripts on this family, (one by Professor Phillip Ropp and one by Paxson Link) erroneously named John as the son of Samuel and Sarah Colville Vance. Unfortunately, this erroneous information continues to be reprinted in family genealogies. The following article is based on research of Washington Co., VA records, and may be redundant in some areas, but is presented to give a more complete record of what is known about this family and what is not.*

John Vance was born 12 February 1736 and died 20 August 1823; Jane Black Vance was born 12 Feb 1741 and died 2 Feb 1824. It is believed that both were born in Frederick Co., VA and both died in Washington Co., VA. Dates of birth and death recorded on their tombstones located in Vance Cemetery on land that was owned by their son, James Vance. (**High on a Windy Hill** by Catherine McConnell.) Family bible records, printed in the VFA Newsletter, July, 1993 record the date of John and Jane's marriage as 15 November 1759, probably in Frederick Co., VA.

As mentioned, John's parents were James Vance and his wife, (her name unknown) and his known siblings have been identified as Esther Vance who married Walter Shirley Jr.; Margaret Vance who married John Snapp; and Samuel (C.) Vance, who died in Sullivan Co., TN in 1808. (See VFA Newsletter, April, 1995, p. 43-52). The parents of Jane Black were John Black and Elizabeth Colville; her known siblings are identified as Joseph Black; Christian Black who reportedly married Christopher Acklin; Martha Black; and Elizabeth Black who married William Blackburn. Information on the Black family from **Joseph Black: Blount County Pioneer**, by Jane Kizer Thomas.

James Vance, willed to John Vance, his plantation of 250 acres on Buffalo Marsh in Frederick Co., Virginia. Will dated 21 Jan 1762. John and Jane Vance subsequently sold 250 acres in Frederick Co., VA to James Willson in 1769. (See VFA Newsletter, April, 1988, p. 39-42). Sometime between 1769 and 1773, John, Jane and their children left Frederick Co., VA and moved to Wolf Hills Tract, an area that would become part of Washington Co., VA in 1777.

John Vance and others signed a call to Rev. Cummings from the congregation of the Sinking Springs and Ebbing Springs Churches; 2 June 1773. John Vance and others, ordered by Fincastle Co., VA to clear the road between Eighteen Mile Creek and Eleven Mile Creek; 9 July 1773. John Vance appointed constable in Capt. Craig's Company for Washington Co., VA, 1781. (MB 1, p. 115). In the **History of Southwest Virginia 1746-1786, Washington County 1777-1870** by Lewis Preston Summers, John is listed as a soldier in the Battle of Kings Mountain in 1780.

John Vance produced sufficient proof to this court that he is entitled to 200 acres of land under the King of Great Britain proclamation in 1780(?) and that he never received any satisfaction for the same which is ordered to be certified. 22 Aug 1782. (MB 1, p. 121).

On the 23 August 1800, Francis Walker, executor and legatee of Dr. Thomas Walker, and his wife, Jane B. Walker grant to John Vance, yeoman, for the sum of 40£, 773 acres near sinking spring; line of Andrew Vance, line with out lots in Town of Abingdon, line with Michael Deckharts; Nicholas Grubbs corner, James Vance and John Boswell. In the body of the indenture, it is noted that John Vance paid Dr. Thomas Walker the sum of 36£ during Dr. Walker's lifetime. Witnessed: A. Vance, Nicholas Grubbs, John Tonery, Benjamin Spyker, Elijah Gilenwater. (DB 2, p. 367).

John Vance had been living on this property since his arrival in Washington County, which he purchased from John Huston, who purchased it from Dr. Thomas Walker. Huston had made some improvements, but owed Dr. Thomas Walker for the land. The property John claimed had not been surveyed; Dr. Walker accepted partial payment until the survey was completed. The price for the additional land would be 11£ per hundred acres. Dr. Walker died before the land was surveyed and his son, Francis Walker, advised John that he had only paid for three hundred acres and the remaining land that John claimed (443 acres) could be purchased at 20 schillings per acre. On 5 July 1802, John Vance filed suit in Superior Court of Chancery against Francis Walker. (See VFA Newsletter, July, 1996, p. 77-8).

On the 19 July, 1814, John Vance and Jane, his wife, grant to Lilburn Henderson, 773 acres for the sum of \$4000, this being the same tract of land granted to John Vance by Francis Walker, dec'd. on the 23rd day of Aug 1800, 'except for the part of

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said plantation whereon John Vance, Sr. now lives during the lives of the said John & Jane his wife and the survivor of them which said part of said plantation includes all the cleared land on said tract of land which has been in the actual occupancy of said John as part of his farm, aforesaid East of a direct line drawn across said tract from South to North so as to make an offset in the land between the part of the said tract called Samuel Vances farm and the said John's house and the partition fence running northwardly in a direct line with said offset, part hereof This Exception is not intended to include any other cleared land east of the line aforesaid than the cleared lands composing the farm of the said John lying about and in view of the said John's house. And the said John is to have liberty during his occupancy of said farm or during the occupancy thereof by said wife to take necessary timber and stone from the adjacent timbered lands for all necessary purposes of building on said farm or repairing the buildings or fences thereof and also for fuel and for no other purpose. And when the said Henderson is put into full and entire possession of said tract of land he is to pay the said John or his legal representatives the sum of \$980 being the balance of Four Thousand dollars the purchase money remaining due after the payment of the debt due to Charles Everett administrator of Francis Walker dec'd amounting to the sum of Three Thousand & twenty dollars. And it is further agreed between the parties that the said Lilburn S. Henderson shall have free access to any water on the said land at all times.' Signed by: John Vance, Jane Vance. Recorded 19 July 1814. (DB 5, p. 437).

The deed from John and Jane Vance to Lilburn S. Henderson is the last official document found in Washington Co., VA records for either John or Jane Vance; no will or probate records were found for either one.

The family bible record, published in VFA Newsletter, July, 1993, p. 85, lists the following nine children: James, John B. (born 20 Nov 1762, who died as an infant), Elizabeth, Andrew, Samuel, Joseph, Easter, Christian, and John. *It should be noted, Paxson Link's manuscript and Tom Pinkerton's article, included a tenth child, Jane Vance (1790-1831) who is buried in Vance Cemetery. It is believed that Jane (1790-1831) was more likely the daughter of John and Jane's son, James Vance and his wife, Bethiah Kincaid. Jane (1790-1831) was not included in John and Jane's family bible record; Jane Black Vance would have been 49 years old at the time of Jane's birth.*

### JAMES VANCE

James Vance, the oldest child of John and Jane Black Vance was born 5 Sep 1760 in Frederick Co., VA and died 10 May 1836 in Washington Co., VA. He married Bethiah Kincaid on 15 Aug 1782 in Washington Co. VA. According to Vance Cemetery records in **High on a Windy Hill**, Bethiah was born 10 Jun 1752 and died 11 May 1833 in Washington Co., VA. James is probably buried in Vance Cemetery, although, no tombstone exists for him.

The **History of Southwest Virginia 1746-1786, Washington County 1777-1870** lists the following references for James: James was an Ensign in the Washington County Militia from 1777-1780; listed as a soldier at Stone Mountain in 1780 and received a pension. (See VFA Newsletter, Jan, 1989, p. 6). James was a ruling elder in the Sinking Springs Presbyterian Church. James bought Lot 32 in Abingdon, July 1787 and Lot 42 in Abingdon, April 1789.

On 23 August 1800, Francis Walker, executor of Thomas Walker, dec'd, and Jane B. Walker, his wife grant to James Vance, yeoman, for the sum of 18£ 3s 6p for 244 acres being part of 447 acres originally purchased by Henry Cresswell. Witnessed: Elijah Gillenwater, Samuel Vance, Benjamin Spyker, John Vance, A. Vance. (DB 2, p. 364).

Andrew Cresswell and Dorothy Cresswell, wife of Andrew Russell of Sevier Co., TN to James Vance. Relinquished all claim, right and title to a certain tract of land on the Spring Branch of the North Fork of the Holston River, 244 acres of land to James Vance. Vance assignee of Andrew Cresswell, who was assignee of James Cresswell, heir of Henry Cresswell. February Session of Sevier County TN Court, 1801. (DB 2, p. 377).

Francis Walker and his wife, Jane B. Walker to James Vance. Jane B. Walker, unable to appear in person, gives her consent to sell land to James Vance. (See DB 2, p. 364). 19 Jan 1803. (DB 3, p. 84).

John Kincaid of Fayette Co., District of KY to James Vance "my trusty and well beloved friend", Power of Attorney to sign deed of inheritance to Robert Kincaid, 250 acres of land. 12 Jul 1792. (DB 3, p. 148).

David Campbell to James Vance. \$41 for 7 acres, 156 poles. David Campbell held deed of trust from Philip Kistner and wife, Elizabeth. 7 acres 156 pole part of a larger tract containing 423 acres, sold to James Vance, the highest bidder. Land on the dividing line between Vance & Philip Kistner and corner of Vance, Kistner, and Henry Menick. 26 Mar 1814. (DB 5, p. 390).

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John Kistner and his wife, Rachel granted to James Vance, Joseph Vance and John Vance Jr. \$117 for a tract of land acreage not stated; lines with Wolf Hills tract. 20 Jan 1818. (DB 6, p. 446).

Mary Ann Potts of Jefferson Co., VA, daughter and only heir of John Potts granted to James Vance Sr. \$112 for 112 acre tract, part of a larger tract patented to John Potts, dec'd. 6 Dec 1826. (DB 9, p. 336).

Andrew Vance of Blount Co., TN & Joseph Vance, Executors of James Vance, their late father, granted to James D. Glasscock; lately of Fauquier Co., VA now of Washington Co., VA. \$3189. 37 ½ for 78 acres conveyed by John Kistner to James Vance, the father, and two sons: Joseph and John Vance. When "run out" by Edward Lathim, it was found to actually contain 450 acres. Also references deeds from David Campbell, Mary Ann Potts, and John Kistner to James Vance. Land on waters of North Fork of Holston River; Henry Minnick's line. 7 Oct 1837. Recorded 21 Jan 1839. (DB 13, p. 387).

In the will of James Vance, dated 2 January 1836, he 'orders that the tract of land purchased by Joseph Vance, John Vance, and myself of John Kistner be sold with my other lands and that the said Joseph & John Vance draw from the moneys arising from the sale of my lands, their equal third of said tract of land so purchased by us in proposition per acre what all my lands may sell for. Executors to pay my son, Andrew Vance \$100 as a debt due him; \$50 in cash and one lot of books to discharge the \$100 debt and \$50 cash for his not having received as much assistance from me as at the time of his marriage as my other children have done.' Orders that executors pay the American Bible Society, \$40; General Assembly's Board of Foreign Missions of the Presbyterian Church, \$40. Orders that daughter Elizabeth Logan to remain in his home until his land is sold or she chooses to leave. Elizabeth to have one half of the wheat, that is stored and one half of the wheat from coming harvest and as much of my farming land as she can support herself and her children until land is sold. Daughter Sarah Apperson to have full and equal share of the estate. Hetty Newhouse to have the same. Appoints Joseph Vance and Andrew Vance as his executors and declares that the remainder of his estate to be divided equally between all his children. Will witnessed by Abram Nordyke and James V. Logan. Filed on 23 May 1836. (WB 7, p. 104) An inventory of estate of James Vance, deceased was filed with the court on 25 July 1836 by Joseph Vance, executor. (WB 7, p. 115). "Dr." Andrew & Joseph Vance, executors of James Vance Sr., deceased, account with the estate. Some items of interest: Joseph Vance for painting tombstones, \$3; Joseph & John Vance's portion of 78 acres of land sold to James D. Glasscock, \$364; Specific legacy to Andrew Vance, \$100; and amount paid Board of Foreign missions of General Assembly of Presbyterian Church, \$40. 24 Jan 1839. (WB 8, p. 54).

James and Bethiah Vance had seven known children: Elizabeth, Joseph, John, Sarah, Jane, Hetty, and Andrew. However, their order of birth can only be estimated since complete information is not known about each child.

#### **Elizabeth Vance**

Elizabeth Vance married James Logan Jr. on 12 Apr 1810 in Washington Co., VA. James Logan died prior to 19 Jan 1819 when an appraisal of his estate was recorded; James Vance, administrator. (WB 6, p. 45). On the motion of James Vance who took his oath of administration prescribed by law, bond in sum of \$1200 with John Apperson, his security. Certificate granted for the administration of the estate of James Logan Jr., deceased. John McCullough, John Apperson, John Mansfield & Adam Fudge appointed to appraise estate of James Logan Jr. 19 Jan 1819. (MB 2, p. 3). On 17 Feb 1829, James Vance named guardian of Elizabeth, Sally, James V. and John Logan, orphans of James Logan Jr., dec'd. Sureties: Robert Preston, Jr. and Joseph Vance. Robert McCulloch Jr. was named guardian of James V. and John B. Logan, orphans of James Logan Jr. dec'd Bond \$1000. Sureties: James C. Hayter & Charles C. Gibson. 29 Jun 1836. Alexander McEwen named guardian of John B. Logan, orphan of James Logan Jr. Bond \$600. Surety John Vance. 23 Jan 1837. Marriage records were found for the following children: Sarah V. Logan to Robert McCulloch Jr., 22 Nov 1832 in Washington Co., VA. James V. Logan to Mary Vance, 5 Jul 1838 in Washington Co., VA. *Mary Vance believed to be daughter of John and Helena Barnes Vance and a first cousin.* John B. Logan to Susan C. Fitzpatrick, 10 Nov 1840 in Washington Co., VA.

#### **Joseph Vance**

Joseph Vance was born 20 Aug 1784 in Washington Co., VA and died between 1840 and 1850. Joseph is listed on the 1840 Washington Co., VA census, but in 1850, only Mary, age 59; John, age 22; William, age 18; and Mary J., age 15 are listed. Joseph married Mary Apperson on 25 Aug 1813 in Washington Co., VA. Mary Apperson Vance was born 7 Jul 1790, and after Joseph's death, married William Gobble on 9 Sep 1854 in Washington Co., VA. No will or probate record, was found for Joseph Vance.

Richard Apperson Jr. to Joseph Vance. Deed of Trust for \$1. Livestock, household furniture and farming equipment. On or before 1 May 1822, Richard Apperson to pay Doctor John Apperson, Jr. the sum of \$60. 21 Mar 1822. (DB 7, p. 523).

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Joseph Vance to Andrew Russell. Deed of Trust. Joseph Vance being indebted to Cookerly Fleenor, Henry Mennick & John Morrell in the sum of \$500 to be paid on or before 21 Oct 1837; tract his father, James Vance, died possessed containing 487 acres; 78 acres whereof conveyed to James Vance, Joseph Vance & John Vance. 24 Apr 1837. (DB 12, p. 503).

Joseph Vance & Mary, his wife and John Vance & Helena, his wife grant to James Glasscock their interest in 78 acres (which actually contains 455 acres, 100 poles) owned with their father, James Vance, dec'd. Oct 1837. (DB 15, p. 12).

The exact number of children born to Joseph and Mary Apperson Vance is unknown, from census records it appears that they had eight children; two daughters remain unidentified. Those who have been identified are: George W.; James; Elizabeth Francis; John Apperson; William; and Mary J.

George W. Vance

George W. Vance and (his brother) James Vance deed of trust to W. C. Watson. \$100 note executed by said parties to John Dickenson and by said Dickenson assigned to Eliza White, administrator of James White, dec'd. Signed by James Vance, Jno. W. C. Watson, no signature for George W. Vance. 6 Sep 1838. (DB 15, p. 111).

George W. Vance also appears in several court cases: Wallis & Gibson vs George W. Vance; debt of \$26.04. 1 Aug 1837. (MB 4, p. 86). Robert Preston, attorney for Samuel Knott vs Geo. W. Vance, Joseph Vance & Abram Nordyke; debt of \$82.18. 23 Feb 1839. (MB 4, p. 127). George W. Vance bound on own recognizance to appear in court and in the meantime, to keep the peace with Levi Fleenor. Bond of recognize for himself in sum of \$50 and two securities: William Apperson, \$25 bond and John Newhouse, \$25 bond; 'conditioned that he keep the peace & be on good behavior towards the commonwealth and all its citizens and especially towards Levi Fleenor for a period of twelve months'. 28 Oct 1839. (MB 4, p. 111). Wallis & Gibson vs George W. Vance & Charles S. Beckam, debt of \$38.62. 23 Sep 1839. (MB 4, p. 127). The Commonwealth vs George W. Vance & Abram Dickason. \$22.82. 21 Dec 1839. (MB 4, p. 162).

In 1850, George W. Vance was listed in Randolph Co., VA census index and in 1860, in Scott Co., VA census index. Cemetery Records in Scott Co., VA list George W. Vance, born 17 Sep 1814, died 26 Dec 1879, age 65 years, 3 months, 9 days. George W. Vance is buried in Fincastle Church Cemetery near Stanleytown, VA.

James Vance

James Vance, born 24 Dec 1816 in Washington Co., VA, died 5 Apr 1903 in Texas Co., MO. Married Mary Gobble (28 Sep 1824-10 Jun 1906) on 14 Jan 1845 in Washington Co., VA. James, Mary and most of their children moved to Texas Co., MO in 1871. Family bible records printed in VFA Newsletter, July, 1991, p. 88-91 list the following children: Thomas Jefferson Vance (13 Dec 1845-Nov 1874 MO); Ann Eliza Vance (15 Apr 1848-12 May 1930 Sullivan Co., TN) married James Madison Latture, 19 Sep 1871; Mary Louisa Vance (26 Feb 1851-) married James F. Price; Isaac Newton Vance (5 Feb 1854-11 May 1946) married Mary Elizabeth Lea, 27 Dec 1876; Nancy Deida Vance (23 Oct 1856-2 Jul 1858 VA); John Milton Vance (15 Nov 1859-) married Addie Carpenter; William P. Vance (27 Sep 1862-23 Oct 1862 VA); and James R. Vance (21 Jun 1866-) married Grace Leidy.

Ota Ward of Breathitt Co., KY to James Vance. \$475 acres for 2 tracts of land on the North Fork of the Holston River; one purchased from Alexander J. Thompson 2 Feb 1847; one purchased from James K. Gibson and Samuel Logan on 29 Apr 1848. 5 Apr 1856. (DB 23, p. 59).

James Vance and wife Mary to James Dowell. \$1500 for 211 3/4 acres on both sides of the North Fork of the Holston River. 4 Apr 1857. (DB 23, p. 349).

Ota H. Ward of Breathitt Co., KY to James Vance. 7 acres on the North Fork of the Holston River adjoining Isaac Gobble, William Dishman and the heirs of Josiah Talbert. 15 Oct 1860. (DB 25, p. 478).

Elizabeth Francis Vance

Elizabeth Francis Vance was born 18 Dec 1822 in Washington Co., VA and died 17 Dec 1910 in Linby, Jefferson Co., IA. On 6 Jun 1848, Elizabeth became the second wife of Abram Linder (22 May 1802-18 Apr 1881) in Washington Co. VA. Abram Linder buried in McCulloch-Cuddy Cemetery, Washington Co., VA. After Abram Linder's death, Elizabeth and several of her children moved to Iowa in 1882. Children named: Martha W. Linder married John F. Dunn, lived in Holston, VA; Margaret Alice Linder married Alexander Gibson Thompson, lived in Holston, VA; William Vance Linder married Annie

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Mosely Gobble in Iowa; Thomas Melton Linder, lived in Iowa; Charles H. Linder married Della Foreman, lived in Iowa; James Abram Linder married Clarinda Steele, lived in Iowa; Nannie Linder lived in Iowa. Information on this family provided by J. R. Gobble of Idaho Falls, ID and printed in **Some Vances and Related Families** by Hester Elizabeth Garrett.

John Apperson Vance

John Apperson Vance was born ca. 1828 and believed to have died during the Civil War. "J. A. Vance 1<sup>st</sup> Sgt, 18<sup>th</sup> Reg., Confederate Army died in Lewisburg, W. VA" from **History of Southwest Virginia 1746-1786, Washington County 1777-1870**. John married Emeline Eglantine Thompson on 11 Nov 1850 in Washington Co., VA. Eglantine Vance died 25 Jan 1857, age 25 years, 9 months, 4 days and is buried in Thompson Cemetery, Washington Co., VA. A daughter, Nancy Eglantine "Nannie" Vance (1853-) married James Dove, 14 Nov 1882. On 23 Jan 1861, John Apperson Vance married Eliza A. Crawford (16 Nov 1836-16 Feb 1912). Eliza Vance is buried in Fleenor Baptist Memorial Cemetery, Washington Co., VA. John and Eliza's daughter, Sarah L. "Venie" Vance (1862-1954) married William W. Cook on 20 Aug 1890, in Washington Co., VA. "Venie" Vance Cook is buried in Fleenor Baptist Memorial Cemetery, Washington Co., VA.

Jacob Morell and his wife, Mary Ann to John Vance. \$300 for 56 acres, 76 poles, being in the Poor Valley on West Fork of Wolf Creek. 24 Mar 1855. (DB 24, p. 568).

John A. Vance to John Johnson. \$500 for a tract of land in the Poor Valley on the waters of West Fork of Wolf Creek. 6 Dec 1858. (DB 24, p. 569).

William Vance

William Vance, born ca. 1832, is shown living with Mary Apperson Vance in the 1850 Washington Co., VA census. Nothing further is known about him.

Mary J. Vance

Mary J. Vance, born ca. 1835, is shown living with Mary Apperson Vance in the 1850 Washington Co., VA census. On 21 Oct 1852, Mary J. Vance married Ota H. Ward in Washington Co., VA. Deed records between Ota H. Ward and James Vance (see deeds of James Vance, son of Joseph) indicate that the Ward's moved to Breathitt Co., KY. Nothing further is known about Mary J. Vance Ward.

John Vance

John Vance was born between 1790 and 1800 to James Vance and Bethia Kincaid in Washington Co., VA and died between 1840 and 1850 in Washington Co., VA. No will or probate records were found for John. On 23 Nov 1815, he married Helena Barnes in Washington Co., VA. Helena, listed as 'Lana', age 56, born VA in the 1850 census and as Helena, age 63, born in NC in the 1860 census.

John is listed in the will of his father James, and in DB 6, p. 446 and DB 15, p. 12 with his brother Joseph (all deeds previously listed).

Census records indicate that John and Helena had four children, three daughters and one son. Children listed with 'Lana' on the 1850 census: Ann, born ca. 1830 and James A., born ca. 1832. No further information is known about Ann. In 1860, living with Helena is James A. Vance, age 28, Master Carpenter, born VA; his wife, Mary (Martin) Vance, age 25, Housekeeper, born VA; and three children: William, 5; Virginia, 3; and an unnamed female, 5 months old. See letter following this article. *Another daughter of John & Helena's is believed to be Mary Vance who married James V. Logan, her cousin, on 5 Jul 1838.*

Sarah Vance

James Vance names Sarah Apperson in his will as his daughter. *Sarah possibly married William Apperson.*

Jane Vance

Believed to be James and Bethiah's daughter, born 26 May 1790 and died 14 Mar 1831. She is buried in Vance Cemetery, next to her mother, Bethiah, and grandparents, John Vance and Jane Black Vance, on the farm formerly owned by her father, James Vance.



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**Hetty B. Vance**

James Vance named Hetty Newhouse in his will. Washington Co., VA records show that Hetty B. Vance married John Newhouse on 4 Dec 1834. Nothing further is known about her.

**Andrew Vance**

Andrew Vance was born 23 Jul 1798 in Washington Co., VA and died 1 Nov 1872 Pleasant Hill, Meigs Co., TN. Andrew married Nancy Wilson (28 Feb 1803-22 Dec 1844) on 19 Mar 1829 in Blount Co., TN. Andrew and Nancy are buried in Baker's Creek Cemetery, Blount Co., TN. Andrew and Nancy were the parents of four daughters, all born in Blount Co., TN: Isabella Jane Vance, born 28 Feb 1830, who married B. Bennett Collins on 18 Jul 1850 in Blount Co., TN; Hetty Bethia Vance, born 14 Apr 1834, who married E. Armstrong Cawood on 28 Aug 1851 in Blount Co., TN; Ann Amelia Vance, born 3 Jun 1838, died 26 Jul 1905, who married Wiley Adams on 14 Dec 1865 in Blount Co., TN; and Sarah Elizabeth Vance, born 9 Feb 1842 and died 21 May 1915, who married Addison Price Chapman in Blount Co., TN on 12 Jan 1865.

After Nancy's death, Andrew married Eliza J. N. Stephens in Knox Co., TN on 26 Feb 1846.

Andrew served as Pastor of Bakers Creek Church in Blount Co., TN from 1828 to 1871. Information on this family from Family Bible Records submitted to **Holston Territory Genealogical Society**, Vol. 14, No. 8, March 1996 by Anne R. Gowdy, a descendant.

**ELIZABETH VANCE**

Elizabeth Vance, born 6 Feb 1765 in Frederick Co., VA, was the third child of John and Jane Black Vance. Elizabeth married William White, who died before 10 Jan 1802. On that date, Elizabeth White and Andrew Vance (Elizabeth's brother) were named guardians of John, Samuel, Mary, James, William, Jane and Elizabeth White, orphans of William White, deceased. Bond: \$10,000. Sureties: Andrew Russell and John McCormack. An inventory of William White's estate, dated 20 Apr 1802, and naming Eliza White and Andrew Vance as Administrators is found in WB 2, p. 316.

In settlement of William White's estate and guardianship accounts, Elizabeth White is replaced as administrator by William Richardson, states Elizabeth White married William Richardson. 1 Sep 1809. (WB 4, p. 238). Marriage records in Washington Co., VA, show Elizabeth White married William Richardson on 16 Mar 1809.

John V. White, Samuel White, James White and James S. White, husband of Polly White, heirs of William White, dec'd. to Andrew Vance, Power of Attorney to sell all lands. 12 Nov 1816. (DB 6, p. 351).

In the settlement of Andrew Vance's estate, on 15 Jul 1828, William Richardson received settlement as well as the following White children: John V. White; Samuel White; James S. White (husband of Polly White); James V. White, Levi Oak (husband of Jane White) and Joseph Orr (husband of Elizabeth White). (WB 6, p. 164). Marriage records of Washington Co., VA show Jane White married Levi Oak on 17 Aug 1819 and Elizabeth White married Joseph Henry Orr on 9 Oct 1817.

**ANDREW VANCE**

Andrew Vance, born 12 Jul 1767 in Frederick Co., VA and died Oct 1818 in Washington Co., VA, was the fourth child of John and Jane Black Vance; Andrew never married.

Francis Walker and his wife, Jane B. Walker grant to Andrew Vance. For sum of 20£ 12 p for 475 acres. \$150 paid by Joseph Vance to Dr. Thomas Walker. Same tract of land surveyed to Joseph Vance and sold by him to James Lewis and by heirs of James Lewis sold to Andrew Vance. Line with James Piper, Rev. Mr. Cummings, John Vance and Abingdon out lots. Witnessed: Michael Deckhart, Samuel Vance, Benjamin Spyker. 23 Aug 1800. (DB 2, p. 365).

Joseph Vance, Esq. of Sevier Co., TN to Andrew Vance. Relinquished all claim, right and title to a certain tract of land on the waters of the North Fork of the Holston River, adjoining Rev. Charles Cummings, James Piper, outer lots of the Town of Abingdon, John Vance, Robert Trimble and with 'Old Patent' line of Dr. Thomas Walker. February Session of Sevier Co. TN Court 1801. (DB 2, p.377). *The Joseph Vance listed in both deeds was the son of Samuel and Sarah Colville Vance.*

Andrew Vance to (Col.) James White. \$1830 for 313 acres on the waters of North Fork of Holston River being part of a tract



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said Vance now lives on, beginning line of Francis Smith and line of James Cummings. James Vance (brother), Executor of Andrew Vance, dec'd. 21 May 1818. Recorded 18 May 1819. (DB 7, p. 54).

James Vance, Executor of Andrew Vance, dec'd, to James L. White. \$4000 for 256 acres on the waters of the North Fork of the Holston River; tract that Andrew Vance lived on at the time of his death; with Francis Smith's line, corner to Piper, James Cummings line, James White's line. 25 Jun 1826 (DB 9, p. 201).

In the will of Andrew Vance, dated 10 Aug 1818, Andrew orders that all his land be sold and after all debts paid, remaining proceeds to be split between Andrew Vance, son of James (brother) Vance, Andrew Milton Vance, son of Samuel (brother) Vance, and Andrew Vance, son of John (brother) Vance. "David Clark, his Negro slave, to be hired out for a period of seven years and the proceeds applied to the support of aged parents (not named) and after seven years, David Clark to be free and my Executors be particular to give him his freedom." Appoints James Vance and Robert E. Cummings, Executors. Recorded on 20 Oct 1820 and proven by Stephen Bovell, James Vance and Joseph Vance. Bond of \$15,000 with James White and Robert McCulloch. (WB 4, p. 275). Inventory of Andrew's estate. 7 Nov 1818, recorded 16 Sep 1828. (WB 6, p. 44). Settlement of Andrew's estate. Family names listed: Stephen Bovell, Samuel Vance, Levi Oak, James S. White, James V. White, Joseph Orr, William Richardson, Samuel White, and Jno. V. White. 15 Jul 1828. (WB 6, p. 164).

**SAMUEL C. VANCE**

Samuel C. Vance, 5<sup>th</sup> child of John and Jane Black Vance, was born 27 Dec 1769 in Frederick Co. VA and died 6 May 1856 in Paris, Edgar Co., IL. Samuel married Mary Jane Blackburn (28 Dec 1769-1 May 1852) on 31 Jan 1793 in Knox Co., TN. (Knox Co., TN Marriage records). *Paxson Link's manuscript lists their date of marriage as 4 Feb 1793.* Mary Jane Blackburn was the daughter of William Blackburn and Elizabeth Black and was Samuel's first cousin. (VFA Newsletter, Apr, 1996, p. 67). Samuel and Mary were buried in the Presbyterian Cemetery in Paris, IL; their graves were moved to the Edgar Cemetery, Paris, IL. Most of the information on Samuel C. Vance and his family, is taken from the manuscript, **The Vance Family** by Paxson Link.

There are no official records in Washington Co., VA that Samuel ever own land there, however, reference is made in John and Jane's deed of sale to Lilburn S. Henderson, to Samuel Vance's farm. It is believed that Samuel was farming part of the land owned by his father, John. Samuel is listed on the 1810 Washington Co. census with 10 children.

In the **History of Edgar County**, Samuel Vance states that he was born in Virginia, but removed to Tennessee where he resided for ten years, then came to Illinois in the fall of 1822. Thus, sometime around 1812, Samuel moved to Blount Co., TN and on 24 Aug 1822, received grants for three islands in the Little Tennessee River containing 85 acres in all; Tucksegee Island, 34 acres, Grant # 7077; Tomotley Island, 31 acres, Grant # 7076 and another Tomotley Island containing 20 acres, Grant # 7078. On 16 Sep 1822, Samuel Vance sold the same islands to John McGhee for the sum of \$840. Blount Co. Deeds, p. 331.

In 1822, Samuel and his family, moved to the area now known as Edgar Co., IL. Samuel purchased his first piece of property, 80 acres, in IL on 11 Oct 1822. Three additional tracts of land totaling 324.96 acres were purchased on 4 Jan 1823; 80 acres on 15 Apr 1823 and 80 acres, 14 Oct 1830.

Edgar Co. was organized on 3 Apr 1823 and on 15 Apr 1823, Samuel Vance gave 26 acres for the establishment of the new county seat and town of Paris, IL. Samuel filed a bond of \$10,000 payable to the county in case he failed to deed the 26 acres to the county. Samuel Vance assisted the county surveyor in the laying of the county seat. Samuel and Mary Blackburn Vance were founding members of the Presbyterian Church in Paris, on 6 Nov 1824; Samuel was chosen as one of the ruling elders.

Samuel and Mary were the parents of twelve children.

Jane Vance was born 1 Jan 1794 in Washington Co., Va and died, 26 Feb 1840 in Paris, Edgar Co., IL. On 5 Sep 1816 in Blount Co., TN, Jane married Samuel Utter (-17 Oct 1863). Jane and Samuel were the parents of four daughters: Elizabeth M. Utter; Nancy A. Utter; Malinda T. Utter; and Martha E. Utter.

Elizabeth Vance was born 19 Mar 1795 and died 12 Dec 1795 in Washington Co., VA.

William Blackburn Vance was born 3 Aug 1796 in Washington Co., VA and died 17 Sep 1875 in Paris, Edgar Co., IL. He

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first married Nancy Shellady on 5 Feb 1805 in Blount Co., TN. Their children were Andrew Young Vance (23 Dec 1824-1 Aug 1859) and Nancy Vance (15 Aug 1826-15 Aug 1826). Nancy Shellady Vance also died on 15 Aug 1826. William married Ardilla Earley (28 Feb 1808-18 Sep 1833) on 22 Jul 1829 in Paris, Edgar Co., IL. Their children were John P. Vance (15 Apr 1830-21 Jun 1864) and James Lemeuel Vance (22 Aug 1832-22 Apr 1917). William's 3<sup>rd</sup> wife was Sarah Stevens Wampler (6 Mar 1811-), married on 16 Mar 1840 in Grandview, Edgar Co., IL. William and Sarah's children were: Joseph Wampler Vance (21 Mar 1841-), William Kavanaugh Vance (8 Dec 1843-31 Oct 1886), Samuel Blackburn Vance (18 Dec 1847-18 Feb 1849) and Wesley Black Vance (18 Aug 1850-29 Nov 1906).

John P. Vance was born 13 Feb 1798 in Washington Co., Va and died 10 Aug 1829 on the Wilderness Trail, KY. On the 27 Sep 1821, John P. married Anna C. Hagy (18 Dec 1802-26 Dec 1887) in Washington Co., VA. On 15 Dec 1829, John P. Vance's father, Samuel, filed an inventory of John P.'s estate in Washington Co., VA and was appointed administrator. (WB 6, p. 108). "Dr". Samuel Vance, Administrator of John Vance, dec'd in account with Estate. Ann Vance money collected by Martin Hagy from debtors to the estate. "The deceased having formerly resided in this county and removed to the state of Illinois and having been taken sick and died in the state of Kentucky on his return to this county for purpose of settling some of his business which he had left unsettled when he moved." 27 Jun 1831. (WB 6, p. 217). Final settlement of John P. Vance's estate found in WB 6, p. 291). John P. and Anna Hagy Vance were the parents of two children: John Hagy Vance and Mary Vance (19 Sep 1822-25 May 1898) who married David Cole. *Thomas Pinkerton, in his article in the VFA Newsletter, April, 1988; mistakenly thought these records were for John Vance, Samuel Vance's father, and assumed that John and Jane Vance had moved to Illinois late in life. Paxson Link's manuscript indicates that John P. Vance owned two farms in Washington Co., VA; no records were found that John P. Vance ever owned land in Washington Co., VA.*

James Vance was born 16 Feb 1800 in Washington Co., VA and died 10 May 1824 in Paris, Edgar Co., IL, never married.

Stephen Bovell Vance was born 1 Dec 1801 Washington Co., VA and drowned in a river accident 12 Nov 1815 in Blount Co., TN.

Andrew Milton Vance was born 3 Jan 1804 in Washington Co., VA and died 10 Sep 1868 in Cassville, Barry Co., MO. In May 1829, Andrew married Ester Shelledy. On 15 Apr 1823 in Washington Co., VA, John Vance was named guardian of Andrew M. Vance, son of Samuel Vance. *The John Vance named as guardian of Andrew M. Vance was probably Samuel's brother. The guardianship was perhaps for the inheritance that Andrew Milton Vance received from his uncle, Andrew Vance. The 1850 Edgar Co., IL census lists Andrew's children as: Samuel E., 14; Julia Ann, 11, and James A., 9.*

Young Vance was born 5 Nov 1805 in Washington Co., VA and drowned in a river accident 13 Nov 1815 in Blount Co., TN.

Joseph Black Vance was born 15 Feb 1808 in Washington Co., VA and died 29 May 1883 in Paris, Edgar Co., IL. His first wife was Eliza Bovell (1816-1856), daughter of John Bovell. In Nov 1865, Joseph B. Vance married Eliza Vance Russell..

Eliza Blackburn Vance was born 15 Jul 1810 in Washington Co., VA and died 17 Jul 1847 in Paris, Edgar Co., IL. Eliza married James Jones on 14 May 1829 in Paris, Edgar Co., IL. Both are buried in the Edgar Cemetery, Paris, IL. Their children were: James H. Jones; Harvey Jones married Eva Sheppard; Harriet Jones; Carolyn Jones; Darusha Jones married a Webster; Elizabeth Jones married Ora Neal; and John C. Jones married Mary Sheppard.

Samuel Colville Vance Jr. was born 2 Feb 1813 in Blount Co., TN and died 27 Mar 1864 in Paris, Edgar Co., IL. Samuel and his first wife, Amanda, had two children: Sarah J. "Jennie" Vance, who married Dr. Z. T. Stanley and Stephen Y. Vance.. Samuel and his second wife, Rachel A. had three children: Garland N. Vance, Mary Vance and Emma Vance.

Mary Vance, the youngest child of Samuel and Mary Vance, was born 25 May 1817 in Blount Co., TN and died 24 Dec 1883 in Paris, Edgar Co., IL. Mary never married.

### JOSEPH VANCE

The family bible record of John and Jane Vance, lists Joseph's date of birth as 21 Nov 1772, this is presently all that is known about Joseph. *Professor Ropp's manuscript names Joseph Vance, who married Nancy Bradley, as the son of John and Jane Vance. From the research of Carmen Bussard, "The Family of Joseph and Nancy Bradley Vance" (VFA Newsletter, January, 1996, p. 8-17), it is known Joseph Vance, who married Nancy Bradley, was born 10 Feb 1753. Paxson Link's*

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*manuscript names this Joseph as the one who married Mary Apperson. Family bible records indicate that Joseph who married Mary Apperson was born 20 Aug 1784; will and deed records indicate he was the son of James and Bethiah Kincaid Vance. The only other Joseph to appear in Washington Co., VA records was the son of Samuel and Sarah Colville Vance, who moved to Sevier Co., TN and died in 1822.*

### EASTER VANCE

Easter "Hetty" Vance, the seventh child of John and Jane Black Vance, was born 21 Jan 1776 in Washington Co., VA. On 8 March 1798, Easter married Rev. Stephen Bovell in Washington Co., VA. When and where Easter died is unknown, but her death occurred prior to 7 Oct 1824, on that date Stephen Bovell married Ann Craig Mitchell, widow of John Mitchell.

Stephen Bovell, born between 1760 and 1770, came to Washington Co., VA from Kentucky, to serve as the 2<sup>nd</sup> minister of the Sinking Springs Presbyterian Church and served in that capacity from 1796 through 1802. In 1803, he returned to Kentucky to serve the Cabin Creek Church in Mason Co. In 1805, the congregations of the Sinking Spring and Green Spring Churches issued a call for "the continued labors" of Stephen Bovell. In September, 1806, Stephen Bovell accepted the call and continued to serve the Abingdon area through 1835. It is known that in 1811, 1812, and 1819, he served as a missionary to western Ohio and Indiana Territory. In 1836, Stephen Bovell and his family moved to Missouri and settled in St. Charles County. Stephen Bovell died on Jan 1840, the exact date and place unknown, as is the place of burial. Information from *Sketches of Early Ministers of the County* by D. E. Brown, Washington Co., VA Historical Society.

Stephen Bovell to Nancy W. Bovell, his daughter. \$1 for Negro boy, John King, one gray horse, two feather beds and bedsteads, and necessary furniture for said beds, one bureau, and one half of all the cupboard and kitchen furniture which the said Stephen Bovell is now in possession of and also the whole of the interest which he has in the estate of John Vance, deceased, which the said Stephen Bovell holds in right of his late deceased wife, who was a daughter of said John Vance. Witnessed: John H. Fulton & James Vance. 20 Oct 1824. (DB 8, p. 363). Nancy W. Bovell married Rev. Samuel C. McConnell on 2 Jun 1825 in Washington Co., VA.

Stephen Bovell to John V. Bovell, William W. Bovell and Stephen Bovell, Jr. \$1 for Negro man, Moses and his wife, Charlotte; two horses, seven head of cattle, eighteen head of sheep, his library and all household and kitchen furniture except was he has given daughter, Nancy. The said Stephen to have use of the above property during his natural life. Witnessed: John H. Fulton & James Vance. 20 Oct 1824. (DB 8, p. 364).

*From Deed Book 8, p. 363, Nancy W. Bovell was the child of Stephen Bovell and Easter Vance, what is not known, is whether the three sons Stephen Bovell listed in Deed Book 8, p. 364 are Easter's sons.*

### CHRISTIAN VANCE

Christian Vance, the eighth child of John and Jane Black Vance, was born 28 Apr 1778 in Washington Co., VA. Presently, no further information is known about Christian.

### JOHN VANCE

John Vance was the youngest child of John and Jane Vance. John was born 7 Sep 1783 in Washington Co., VA and died 15 Oct 1830 in Edgar Co., IL. John married Sarah Boyd (27 Mar 1784-19 Apr 1850). John Vance is listed in the 1810 census of Washington Co., VA with one son and two daughters, but is not listed in the 1820 census. Andrew Vance's will (John's brother), names John's son as Andrew. Paxson Link's manuscript refers to a daughter named Elizabeth Vance, who testified in court case Vance vs Vance, Edgar County, IL Court Records, 30 Sep 1831.

John Vance from Charles S. Bekham, trustee for William Ford. 57 ½ acres. Ford defaulted and Bekham sold land at courthouse. Moses C. Orr highest bidder, sold land to John Vance for \$1. 10 Jan 1825. (DB 17, p. 100).

John Vance and his wife, Sarah, to Joseph Stewart. \$285 for 57 ½ acres, general warranty title, 10, Feb 1826. Adjoining land of White, Edmondson, McCall & others. 20 Feb 1826. (DB 17, p. 356).

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October 6, 1996

Mary Wilcox Herrin

Dear Mary,

I read your queries in the VFA Newsletter (July 1994 & January, 1995) on your search for the ancestors of James A. Vance.

From my research and accumulated notes, your James A. Vance was the son of John Vance and Helena Barnes. John Vance was the son of James Vance and Bethiah Kincaid. James Vance was the son of John Vance and Jane Black. John Vance was the son of James Vance who died in Frederick Co., VA in 1762 and his wife (name unknown).

Unfortunately, I have very little information about John and Helena Barnes Vance, other than their marriage record, census records and mention in his father, James Vance's deeds.

John & Helena Barnes first appear in the 1820 Washington Co., VA census (00001-0201). 1830 census (000001-102001), which translates: John 30-40, Helena 30 to 40, 2 daughters 10 to 15 years old and 1 daughter 0-5 years old. The 1840 census (0010001-0010101) translates: John 40 to 50; Helena 40 to 50; 1 daughter 20 to 30 yrs. old, 1 daughter 10-15 yrs. old and **1 son**, 10 to 15 yrs. old.. By 1850, John is apparently deceased, census shows: "Lana" Vance, 56; Ann Vance, 20 and **James Vance, 18**--all born Virginia. The 1860 census shows: Helena Vance, 63, Housekeeper, NC; Sarah Clark, 69, Housekeeper, VA; **James A. Vance, 28, Master Carpenter, VA**; Mary Vance, 25, Housekeeper, VA; William Vance, 5, VA; Virginia Vance, 3, VA; **Unnamed Female, 5/12, VA**. (Census taken on 3 Jul 1860.) I suspect that the 5 month old unnamed female is probably your Sarah Lavenia Vance, since the dates approximate those you gave in your query (17 Jan 1859/60). To be certain, you should check the 1870 census to see if James and Mary's third child was Sarah. (I do not have the 1870 Washington Co. census immediately available to me.)

James A. & Mary's son was named William M (Martin?). Possibly for Mary's father? Also in death records for Washington Co., VA, James A. and Mary had a son, David V. Vance, who died 2 Jul 1858, age 1 year 8 months from fever.

Also found the following marriage records in Washington Co., VA for James A. & Mary's children:

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| William M. Vance to Virginia C. Scott    | 25 May 1880        |
| Virginia A. Vance to Wallace Evans       | 30 Dec 1879        |
| <b>Sarah L. Vance to William Clemens</b> | <b>17 May 1878</b> |
| Katie Vance to Peleg Defreece            | 14 May 1879        |
| Laura M. Vance to Peter S. Campbell      | 18 Feb 1886        |
| Emma Vance to Eugene Croft               | 26 Jun 1888        |
| Mary E. Vance to William F. Davenport    | 4 Dec 1894         |

I hope that you find some of this information useful.

Mary Vance Norfleet

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The Vaulx Road for 900 Years  
by James G. Horsfall  
Microfiche FHL 6017601

In 1648 Thomas & Humphrey Vand were imported by Lewis Burwell, gent of ? Co. ("Early VA Immigrants 1623-1666" by George Cabel Greer.)

THOMAS VAUSE had made sufficient proof that he had due him 500 acres of land for the transportation of ten persons including Thomas Vause, Humphrey Vause, Jairott Hawthorne, William Crompe, Henry Hubart and five others, July 25 1648. (York Co. VA Bk 3 pg 390; See also VFA Oct. 1995 pg. 104)

The author believes that the immigrant THOMAS VAUSE, cited in the 1648 York Co. VA record, is of the Catterlyn line being the second son of Rowland Vaux/Vaulx of Cumberland England. Rowland's sons, as listed in St. Georges' "Visitation of Cumberland" were: 1. William the eldest and heir, 2. THOMAS, 3. Humphrey, 4. Richard and 5. John.

The Cumberland Vaux/Vaulx's where chosen because of the family name Humphrey found in that line and the author's Colonial VA research which indicates that the immigrant THOMAS VAUSE had a son named Humphrey. THOMAS, second son of Rowland, surgeon of London would have been born c. 1590, making him about 58 years old when he immigrated to Colonial VA. (hereafter designated Thomas<sup>1</sup>)

THE VAULX FAMILY in AMERICA

Thomas<sup>1</sup> Vaulse c. 1590-BFR 1654 (son of Rowland Vaux/Vaulx)  
Robert<sup>2</sup> c. 1620-AFT 1685 m. Elizabeth Burwell 1620-1679/80  
Robert<sup>3</sup> Vaulx 1651-1684 m. Mary Foxall 1658-AFT 1711  
(Mary Foxall Vaulx m. 2nd Alexander Gorges m. her 5th husband in 1711. Children of Robert & Mary VHM 44:66)  
Robert<sup>4</sup> Vaulx c. 1680-1721 m. Elizabeth Kenner ?-AFT 1750  
James Vaulx<sup>5</sup> c. 1710-1761 (by will of father received land patented by Robert<sup>2</sup> 1655) (Eaton)  
Daniel Vaulx<sup>6</sup> b. 1750 Dorchester Co. MD  
James Vaulx<sup>7</sup> b. 1783  
Robert Vaulx<sup>5</sup> ?-AFT 1754 (will date) m. Sarah Elliott m. 2nd 1726 Elizabeth Storke  
James<sup>4</sup> ?-BFR 1712 (date of probate)  
Elizabeth<sup>4</sup> m. (believe Richard Craddock)  
Thomas<sup>2</sup> Vause ?-AFT 1670  
Humphrey<sup>2</sup> Vause ?-AFT 1685  
Margaret<sup>2</sup> Vause ?-1675 m. ABT 1650 William Stephens ?-BFR 1658 m. 2nd Daniel Wyld (Warwick Co. VA)

The modern end of the Vaulx' road at Pine Bluff, Arkansas stretches back through Tennessee to Halifax County, North Carolina where James Vaulx<sup>5</sup> bought land in 1756. The road to North Carolina led back through Dorchester Co. (now Caroline Co.) Maryland to Westmoreland Co. VA. Daniel<sup>6</sup> Vaulx son of James<sup>5</sup> was born in MD. The will of James<sup>5</sup> Vaulx (d. 1761) Halifax Co. NC ordered sale of land in VA.

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Records found in 1978 by Mr. Horsfall at the Westmoreland Court House their Bk 1 pg 15, three documents prove that THOMAS<sup>1</sup> Vause the immigrant was the father of Robert<sup>2</sup> of York Co. (1)October 18 1650 Governor Berkeley granted Thomas Vause 500 acres of land along the Nomini Creek.(then Northumberland Co. now Westmoreland Co). (2)A letter dated July 7, 1654 by Robert Vaulx from his home on Queens Creek.(York Co.) that said Robert is the oldest son an "lawful heir". (3)The letter also says that he has a sister.(The author believes that sister to be Margaret Vause).

Robert Vaus of VA merchant. To my loving brother Thomas Vaus & Lewis Burwell both of the same place. Witness: Humphrey Vause and George Butler.(York Co. Bk 2:332 & VFA Oct 1995 pg 104) Jan. 3 1647/48. Proves that Robert<sup>2</sup> Vaus son of Thomas<sup>1</sup> has brother Thomas<sup>2</sup> Vaus.

That Humphrey is a brother of Robert<sup>2</sup> and Thomas<sup>2</sup> is proved by a Westmoreland court order of November 1685 - which ordered that William Horton survey 6,000 acres patented by Robert Vaulx on June 9, 1655 in accordance with petition of Mary Foxhall Vaulx, now Gorges to enter upon said land without the consent of Mr. Robert Vaulx of London, Merchant, now represented by his brother Mr. Humphrey Vaulx. Mrs. Mary Gorges complained to the court that some persons had confederated to deprive her of the 6,000 acres (called Vaulx land) on which "her husband had long lived."(VHM 37:349).

The author found no mention of HUMPHREY after 1685. Apparently Humphrey had returned to England because in 1654 ROBERT, SUSAN, ELIZABETH and HUMPHREY VANS were headrights for Francis Hammond of York Co.(Greer)

HUMPHREY's appearance in the records is primarily as a witness. An exception, Jan 26 1656/7 HUMPHREY and William Crumpe(fellow headright) patented 1000 acres of land in James Cittie Co. for transporting 20 person.(York Co. Bk 3 pg 208 & Nugent, pg 336.)

Thomas Vaux/Vaulx was a justice of York Co. VA in 1670, is this Thomas<sup>2</sup>? He found no proven wives or children for Thomas<sup>2</sup> or Humphrey<sup>2</sup>.

(Valentine Papers 4:2210) has a court case of 1661. "Daniel Smith Pltf vs William Crumpe, attorney of Mrs. Rebecca Vaulx deceased...It is ordered that the said Daniel be paid his freedom & corn...". Because William Crumpe was in business with Humphrey Vaulx on the land deal; the author would like to guess that Rebecca was Humphrey's wife. (But then Humphrey would have been dead before 1661 and the Humphrey in the Mary Foxall case was another Humphrey Vaulx.)

The proof for Margaret<sup>2</sup> Vause as sister of Robert<sup>2</sup>: Gerrard Hawthorne(headright for Thomas<sup>1</sup>) married Mary Stephens, presumably the sister of William Stephens who married Margaret Vaulx. A court record of Sept 10 1658, Daniel Wyld appeared as guardian of the orphans of William Stephens, late of Warwick Co. In Feb 26, 1671/2 Daniel Wyld attested to a land deal for Robert Vaulx.

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Tyler, editor of "Tyler's Quarterly Magazine"(1:110, 119) claimed the seal on the 1679/80 will of John Vause of Middlesex Co. was a Catterlyn seal. (Mr. Horsfall believes he is the 5th son of Rowland of Catterlyn.) John Vause's property was listed originally in Lancaster Co, VA but became part of Middlesex Co. in 1675 when that county was formed from Lancaster.(See VFA Jan 1997 pg 29)

A land deal of Richard Lewys Lancaster Co. was jointly witnessed by Anne & John Vause Dec 2 1664(Fleet 1:294). This Anne maybe John Vause's first wife and mother of the children named in his will.

John Vause was a vestryman of Christchurch Middlesex, dates are from the published Parish Register(PR).

John Vause m. June 14 1669 Elizabeth Calloway(PR pg 18). Elizabeth Calloway Vause buried Dec. 25 1679 and John Vause died Feb ? 1679/80 buried in Mr. Christopher Robinson's orchard(PR pg 22).

Named in the 1679/80 will of John Vause<sup>1</sup> were his wife Elizabeth, son John<sup>2</sup>, daughters Diana<sup>2</sup> and Catherine<sup>2</sup>.

The will(no date but BFR 1700) of John<sup>2</sup> names daughter Agatha<sup>3</sup>, wife Elizabeth, Wm. Daniel son of sister Constance<sup>2</sup>(maybe Catherine in will of John<sup>1</sup>) and my sister(in-law) Elizabeth Curtis & her children Averilla, & Chickley Curtis and nephew Christopher Robinson.

John<sup>2</sup> kinsman of Richard Robinson married twice.(W&MO 18:190,191) One wife may have been a daughter of Bertram Obert.(Berham Obert's daughter Elizabeth married James Curtis.) John<sup>2</sup> married on Jan 19, 1687/8(PR pg 39) Elizabeth Weeks, a widow of Francis Weeks. Sept. 8, 1689 Agatha Vause was baptized.(TOM 12:205).

Constance<sup>2</sup> Vause married Wm Daniel July 24, 1688.(TOM 12:205 shows the date as July 24 1686). In 1694 Thomas Vaux witnessed the will of Capt. William Daniel, husband of Constance Vause.(TOM 12:93) (This Thomas Vaux maybe the son of one of the York Co. Vaulxes.)

On Sept. 2 1700, James Blaine, guardian of Agatha Vause, dau. of John Vause dec'd estate being in the hands of John Spencer who married the executrix and legatee of the said John Vause, dec'd. (Fleet 7:6). The final entry in the(PR pg. 81) dated Dec. 27 1708 Azatha Vause married James Curtis.

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— Dorothy Vance Olmsted



## Kathleen's Korner

**Greetings from your Senior Historian.** The VFA Executive Committee changed my 'title', which gave me the pleasure and opportunity to name Grace Dotson, Virginia Lovett and Mary Nofleet as 'Historians'. A biographical sketch of each of these dedicated co-workers is found elsewhere in this newsletter.

**The San Antonio meeting was great.** It was nice to see familiar faces, but also to meet some of our members who attended for the first time. One familiar face that I missed was that of Vance Voss Smith. This was her *first* meeting not to attend since our initial meeting in 1985. Her excuse was that her grandson was getting married. Her heart was in both places, but she indeed was at that wedding. I truly doubt there would be a VFA without this gracious lady. If she had not convinced several of her relatives to take the 'bus tour' in 1984 in Scotland, England and Ireland, there would not have been enough of the 'rest of us' to have that tour. True, a couple of hundred people attended the Barnbarroch Reunion from all over the world, but without some time together to 'bond' on that bus trip, it would have just been a nice vacation. Vance served on the Ad Hoc Committee, and served as our second President and Editor for four years. We missed you Vance, and thanks for your continued encouragement. Three others present from the 1984 trip were Vance's cousins - Marilyn Muller, Horace and Josephine Vance.

**David Vance of Mecklenburg, N.C.** would never have dreamed that his descendants' little town of Vance, Alabama would have world wide media coverage. Dean Vance of nearby Birmingham send wonderful newspaper clippings, and even a video of the news events of that fantastic show of the unveiling of the new Mercedes vehicle. Reporters from all over the world were present and the event had national TV coverage. Our very own Gene and Gloria Vance were among the 5000 invited guests to enjoy the gourmet food, and stand in awe of such a grand party and spectacular fireworks as the vehicle 'rose up in a cloud of mist and smoke' on the stage. On their way home, they stopped by Jackson to visit with Herman and me, to give us a first hand account of the big event! Thanks, Mercedes for choosing Vance as your USA home.

**E-mail letter from new member Bill Vance of Brevard, NC:** "I took your advise and requested all of the back issues of the NL. After receiving them, I got that old sensation, experienced as a child standing in the candy store and not knowing which way to turn first. I first did a fast scan and on to the next until I reached the end.. Then I started over selectively reading many of the articles and all of the pedigrees. Now I must start over and attempt to digest all of the fine work that you folks have put together, providing my brain is capable. I stand in awe of you and Bruce and many others whose efforts have put this information together. I made a major beak through in my lineage when I got to the Phoebe Paulina Ann Vance Thomas Oct. 1992 NL. She was my Great Aunt..." Bill has already made contact with several members, and he will eventually add 4 generations to his line! Look for an updated pedigree soon. We don't promise this kind of results every time. but who knows? Contact Bruce.



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**NEW AND REVISED VFA PEDIGREES**

**ALEXANDER, Mary**

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**Helena AR 72342**

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| 2030 - ALEXANDER, Josep B-               | D-               | M- 8 Aug 1942     | 1092 - MOORE, Mary C   | B-25 May 1919 MS | D-11 May 1996 AR |
| 755 - MOORE, Samuel M B-18 Aug 1885 MS   | D-25 Sep 1965 MS | M-29 Apr 1917 MS  | 2029 - MEADERS, Ruby J | B-26 Jun 1896 GA | D-27 May 1972 MS |
| 754 - MOORE, William G B-30 Jul 1852 Can | D-11 Apr 1930 MS |                   | 521 - WILLIAMS, Mary L | B-11 Jan 1860 AL | D-26 May 1887 AL |
| 102 - MOORE, William B-10 Aug 1820 Ire   | D-26 May 1892 MS | M-19 Feb 1843 Ire | 2121 - VANCE, Sarah    | B-1 Aug 1824 Ire | D-10 Feb 1905 MS |
| 10139- VANCE, Unk B-                     | D-               |                   |                        |                  |                  |

**ALLEN, Bill J**

**2130 Crystal St**

**Anderson IN 46012**

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|------------------------------------------|------------------|------------------|-------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| 6138 - ALLEN, Billy J B- 9 Jan 1938 IN   | D-               | M-14 Jun 1959 IN | 6139 - CAIN, Mary J     | B- 4 Oct 1940 IN | D-               |
| 6140 - ALLEN, Ralph C B-28 Jul 1911 IN   | D-               | M-26 Oct 1935 IN | 6141 - VANCE, Eileen K  | B-26 Aug 1914 IN | D-10 Apr 1987 IN |
| 6142 - VANCE, Willard S B- 4 Dec 1875 IN | D-30 Jun 1949 IN | M-14 Apr 1895 IN | 6143 - BATMAN, Jessie E | B- 1 Mar 1878 IN | D-22 Apr 1944 IN |
| 6144 - VANCE, John W B- 8 Jul 1845 IN    | D-11 Sep 1880 IN | M-15 Oct 1868 IN | 6145 - RAWLINGS, Eliza  | B-22 Dec 1848 IN | D-10 Sep 1906 IN |
| 6146 - VANCE, Thomas B-17 Mar 1817 TN    | D-15 Jul 1897 IN | M-14 Dec 1840 IN | 6147 - BLACKBOURN, Anna | B-22 Jul 1821 IN | D-26 Jan 1892 IN |
| 6148 - VANCE, Thomas B-Bef 1785 VA       | D-Abt 1835 IN    | M-12 Jan 1804 TN | 6149 - LEWIS, Sudney    | B-Abt 1780 TN    | D-               |

**AVERY, Josephine R**

**50 Dunster Drive**

**Stow MA 01775**

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| 4376 - AVERY, William L B-              | D-               | M- 7 Mar 1964 NC | 4371 - VANCE, Josephine | B-14 Oct 1942 NC | D-               |
| 2252 - VANCE, Horace H B-13 Dec 1911 NC | D-               | M-22 Nov 1941 NC | 2253 - REECE, Josephine | B-               | D-               |
| 2254 - VANCE, Horace H B-25 Mar 1886 NC | D-30 Jan 1930 NC | M-30 Nov 1910 NC | 2255 - HUSKE, Kate M    | B-16 Jul 1887 FL | D-13 Jun 1969 NC |
| 2256 - VANCE, Joseph A B- 4 Dec 1851 NC | D-23 Sep 1927 NC | M-17 Apr 1879 NC | 2257 - FOGLE, Adelaide  | B-24 Nov 1859 NC | D-18 Aug 1894 NC |
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| 331 - VANCE, John Jr B-14 Mar 1799 NC   | D-13 Jul 1878 NC | M- 6 Apr 1818 NC | 332 - MARSHALL, Mary a  | B- 5 Jan 1799    | D-30 Jun 1883 NC |
| 333 - VANCE, John Sr B- 1772            | D-18 Aug 1839 NC | M- 1793          | 334 - WHICKER, Lucreti  | B- 7 Aug 1772 NC | D- 1859          |
| 1621 - VANCE, Samuel Sr B- 1726         | D-26 May 1789 NC |                  | 101 - UNK, Alice        | B-               | D-               |

**DANIEL, Gwynne**

**235 Mount Paran Rd NW**

**Atlanta GA 30327 4603**

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|------------------------------------------|------------------|---------------|-------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| 10080- DANIEL, James H B-29 Sep 1928 GA  | D-               | M-27 Jul 1974 | 10079- MCFARLING, Judit | B- 7 Nov 1941 MS | D-               |
| 10077- MCFARLING, Boyce B- 9 Feb 1917 MS | D-               | M-20 Apr 1940 | 10078- MONTS, Derie     | B- 9 Jul 1918 MS | D-               |
| 10075- MCFARLING, Alber B-28 Sep 1875 MS | D-16 Feb 1942 MS | M-23 Apr 1911 | 10076- COBB, Naomi C    | B- 5 Apr 1893 MS | D-17 Jun 1969 MS |
| 10073- MCFARLING, James B- 3 Oct 1842    | D-10 Sep 1907 MS | M- 2 Jan 1868 | 10074- DABBS, Ada a     | B-15 Apr 1850 GA | D-14 Jun 1930 MS |
| 10071- MCFARLING, Josep B-Abt 1807       | D-Aft 1860       | M-20 Jun 1830 | 10072- MAY, Lydia E     | B-Abt 1809       | D-Aft 1860       |
| 10070- MCFARLING, Mitch B-Abt 1780 TN    | D- 1835 AL       |               | 10069- VANCE, Sarah     | B-Abt 1790       | D-               |
| 3992 - VANCE, Joseph B-Abt 1747 VA       | D-Abt 1820       |               | 3997 - MEARY, Unk       | B-               | D-               |
| 74 - VANCE, Samuel I B-Abt 1716 Ire      | D-18 Aug 1778 VA | M-Abt 1734 VA | 75 - COLVILLE, Sarah    | B-Abt 1715 Ire   | D-Aft 1792 VA    |

**DIAL, Rickey L**

**3660 Lincoln St.**

**Dearborn MI 48124 3565**

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|--------------------------------------|------------------|------------------|-------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| 10022- DIAL, Rickey B-25 Jan 1959 WV | D-               | M-4 Nov 1952 WV  | 10021- RAMEY, Louise E  | B- 9 Nov 1934 WV | D-               |
| 10020- DIAL, Glen R B-18 Mar 1930 WV | D-24 Feb 1995 MI | M-28 Dec 1928 WV | 10018- MORRIS, Garnet M | B- 5 Feb 1908 WV | D- 9 Aug 1979 WV |
| 10019- DIAL, Enos B-23 Nov 1898 WV   | D-21 Feb 1981 WV | M- 1901 WV       | 10016- VANCE, Fairbell  | B- 1881 WV       | D- WV            |
| 10017- MORRIS, Martin H B- 1876 OH   | D- WV            | M- 1885          | 7958 - UNK, Selena      | B-               | D-               |
| 7955 - VANCE, Elisha B- Jan 1850 VA  | D-               |                  | 6840 - ELLIS, Christina | B- 1813 VA       | D-               |
| 6845 - VANCE, Abner B- 1815 VA       | D-               |                  | 299 - SIMMS, Mary       | B-Abt 1791       | D- 1850          |
| 298 - VANCE, Richard B- 1792 VA      | D-Bef 1860 WV    | M-25 Mar 1813 KY | 301 - HOWARD, Susannah  | B- 1767          | D-Aft 1850 WV    |
| 300 - VANCE, Abner Sr B-Abt 1755     | D-16 Jul 1819 VA |                  |                         |                  |                  |

**ELLIOT, MacElaine**

**5326 West 42nd**

**Amarillo TX 79109**

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|------------------------------------------|------------------|------------------|-------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| 10177- ELLIOT, Robert G B-               | D-               | M-22 Sep 1956 TX | 10176- MCFARLAND, Mac E | B- 5 Jul 1937 TX | D-               |
| 10174- MCFARLAND, Mack B-11 Sep 1913 TX  | D- 6 Jun 1991 TX | M-12 Sep 1933 TX | 10175- LANCASTER, Fanni | B-19 Jul 1915 TX | D-               |
| 10172- MCFARLAND, Willi B-25 Feb 1881 TX | D-25 Mar 1939 TX | M-13 Jun 1901 TX | 10173- BANGLE, Lucy L   | B-28 Nov 1882 MS | D- 8 Oct 1973 TX |
| 10170- MCFARLAND, Elias B-25 Jul 1846 AR | D-24 May 1922 TX | M- Oct 1866 AR   | 10171- CLEGG, Louisa C  | B-               | D-               |
| 10168- MCFARLAND, John B-Abt 1811        | D-Bef 1853 AR    | M-Abt 1831       | 10169- EDDY, Polly      | B-Abt 1820       | D-               |
| 10070- MCFARLING, Mitch B-Abt 1780 TN    | D- 1835 AL       |                  | 10069- VANCE, Sarah     | B-Abt 1790       | D-               |
| 3992 - VANCE, Joseph B-Abt 1747 VA       | D-Abt 1820       |                  | 3997 - MEARY, Unk       | B-               | D-               |
| 74 - VANCE, Samuel I B-Abt 1716 Ire      | D-18 Aug 1778 VA | M-Abt 1734 VA    | 75 - COLVILLE, Sarah    | B-Abt 1715 Ire   | D-Aft 1792 VA    |

**HARRIS, Mary**

**857 Cornish Drive**

**San Diego CA 92107 4249**

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|------------------------------------------|------------------|------------------|-------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| 10179- RICE, Glen H B-24 Mar 1905 MO     | D-               | M- 2 Sep 1956 IL | 10178- RICE, Mary E     | B-17 Apr 1933 MO | D-               |
|                                          |                  | M-10 Jun 1931    |                         |                  |                  |
| 10181- SNODGRASS, David B-24 Sep 1813 KY | D- 1 Mar 1888 MO | M-15 Aug 1843    | 10180- SNODGRASS, Louis | B-26 Jul 1865 MO | D-15 Aug 1947 MO |
| 10183- NEEL, John B-16 May 1799          | D- 8 Apr 1839 KY | M-14 Feb 1822 KY | 10182- NEEL, Julia A    | B-14 Feb 1825 KY | D-17 Jan 1907 MO |
| 10185- PORTER, John B- 1768              | D-11 Jun 1830 KY |                  | 10184- PORTER, Rebecca  | B-19 Jan 1802 KY | D- 7 Feb 1875 MO |
|                                          |                  |                  | 10186- VANCE, Jane      | B-               | D-Abt 1846 KY    |

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**HAYNES, Margaret M**

**623 Longfellow**

**Wichita KS 67207**

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|------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------------|-------------------|------------------|
| 10088- HAYNES,Robert E | B-               | D-               | M-14 Jun 1947 KS | 10087- DELLINGER,Marga | B-29 Sep 1927 MO  | D-               |
| 10085- DELLINGER,Charl | B-25 Dec 1898 KS | D-15 Jul 1959 KS | M-17 Mar 1925 KS | 10086- BYGRLEY,Marie H | B-11 May 1901 MOD | -16 Dec 1984 KS  |
| 10083- DELLINGER,Samue | B-23 Apr 1869 MD | D- 1 Dec 1949 KS | M-11 Dec 1893 KS | 10084- MCKINLEY,Ethel  | B-30 Sep 1878 KY  | D-               |
| 10082- DELLINGER,Peter | B-12 Oct 1838 VA | D- 8 Oct 1915 KS | M- Jan 1865 VA   | 10081- EMMART,Matilda  | B-28 Jan 1848 WV  | D-21 Mar 1919 KS |
| 1752 - EMMART,Abraham  | B- 1809 VA       | D- 3 Jul 1864 WV | M-27 Oct 1831 VA | 1753 - VANCE,Elizabeth | B- VA             | D-25 Apr 1880 WV |
| 1754 - VANCE,Andrew B  | B-Abt 1780       | D-               | M- Aug 1805 VA   | 1755 - BATCHELOR,Marga | B-Abt 1781        | D-Bef 1807 VA    |
| 1787 - VANCE,Samuel    | B-               | D- 1806 VA       |                  | 1785 - UNK,Jane        | B-                | D-Aft 1806       |
| 1383 - VANCE,Andrew [1 | B- Ire           | D- 1754 VA       |                  | 100 - UNK,Jane         | B-                | D-Aft 1754 VA    |

**HENRY, Jeanne**

**5913 Maysville Road**

**New Market AL 35761**

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|------------------------|-------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| 10147- HENRY,Jessie G  | B- 3 Oct 1917 MS  | D-               | M-14 Nov 1941    | 10146- HAND,Jeanne     | B- 2 Dec 1921 MS | D-               |
| 10144- HAND,Preston J  | B-25 Oct 1884 MS  | D-14 Sep 1954    | M-28 Jan 1912 MS | 10145- CROSS,Beulah    | B-12 Sep 1890 MS | D-               |
| 10143- HAND,Hilliard W | B- 5 Oct 1852 AL  | D- 9 Jul 1946 MS | M-27 Nov 1873    | 10142- VANCE,Rebecca J | B-26 Aug 1854 MS | D- 7 Nov 1933 MS |
| 10140- VANCE,George    | B-14 Feb 1822 Ire | D- 4 Apr 1887 MS | M-28 Aug 1849 MS | 10141- PAGE,Mary J     | B- 1 Jan 1830 MS | D-13 Feb 1881 MS |
| 10139- VANCE,Unk       | B-                | D-               |                  |                        |                  |                  |

**HIX, Kate H**

**203 Wicklow Drive**

**Winston-Salem NC 27106**

|                        |                  |                  |                  |                        |                  |                  |
|------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| 4378 - HIX,Gary D      | B-               | D-               | M-27 May 1972 NC | 4373 - VANCE,Kate H    | B-16 Sep 1947 NC | D-               |
| 2252 - VANCE,Horace H  | B-13 Dec 1911 NC | D-               | M-22 Nov 1941 NC | 2253 - REECE,Josephine | B-               | D-               |
| 2254 - VANCE,Horace H  | B-25 Mar 1886 NC | D-30 Jan 1930 NC | M-30 Nov 1910 NC | 2255 - HUSKE,Kate M    | B-16 Jul 1887 FL | D-13 Jun 1969 NC |
| 2256 - VANCE,Joseph A  | B- 4 Dec 1851 NC | D-23 Sep 1927 NC | M-17 Apr 1879 NC | 2257 - FOGLE,Adelaide  | B-24 Nov 1859 NC | D-18 Aug 1894 NC |
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| 333 - VANCE,John Sr    | B- 1772          | D-18 Aug 1839 NC | M- 1793          | 334 - WHICKER,Lucreti  | B- 7 Aug 1772 NC | D- 1859          |
| 1621 - VANCE,Samuel Sr | B- 1726          | D-26 May 1789 NC |                  | 101 - UNK,Alice        | B-               | D-               |

**HORN, Audrey**

**1776 Drew Ave  
243E**

**Columbus OH 43235**

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| 10062- HORN,Arthur | B-24 Apr 1904    | D- 4 May 1926    |               | 10061- HORN,Audrey    | B-22 Apr 1926 WV  | D-               |
| 644 - VANCE,David  | B-14 Apr 1853 VA | D-24 Mar 1944 WV | M-12 Mar 1883 | 1038 - VANCE,Pearl    | B-25 May 1909 WVD |                  |
| 646 - VANCE,John   | B- 1806 VA       | D- Nov 1883 WV   |               | 645 - LESTER,Cosby    | B-26 Jul 1870 WV  | D-18 Jul 1945 WV |
|                    |                  |                  |               | 647 - MCKINNEY,Marind | B-Abt 1813 NC     | D-27 Jun 1909 WV |

**KIMBEL, Alana Paige**

|                       |                  |                  |  |                       |               |               |
|-----------------------|------------------|------------------|--|-----------------------|---------------|---------------|
| 10137- KIMBEL,John R  | B- VA            | D-               |  | 10138- KIMBEL,Alana P | B- VA         | D-            |
| 10136- KIMBEL,Oscar G | B-               | D-               |  | 10135- VANCE,Ella B   | B-18 May 1910 | D-10 Mar 1963 |
| 9636 - VANCE,John G   | B- 7 Jan 1884 WV | D-11 Jun 1962 VA |  | 10134- SPENCE,Nancy M | B-            | D-            |

**LINEBERGER, Elizabeth H**

**187 West End Blvd**

**Winston-Salem NC 27101**

|                        |                  |                  |                  |                        |                  |                  |
|------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| 4379 - LINEBERGE,Josep | B-               | D-               | M-29 Feb 1992 NC | 4374 - VANCE,Elizabeth | B-20 Apr 1949 NC | D-               |
| 2252 - VANCE,Horace H  | B-13 Dec 1911 NC | D-               | M-22 Nov 1941 NC | 2253 - REECE,Josephine | B-               | D-               |
| 2254 - VANCE,Horace H  | B-25 Mar 1886 NC | D-30 Jan 1930 NC | M-30 Nov 1910 NC | 2255 - HUSKE,Kate M    | B-16 Jul 1887 FL | D-13 Jun 1969 NC |
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| 1621 - VANCE,Samuel Sr | B- 1726          | D-26 May 1789 NC |                  | 101 - UNK,Alice        | B-               | D-               |

**LOTT, Gloria R**

**10249 Coachella Canal Rd  
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**Niland CA 92257 9583**

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| 10015- LOTT,Hilton W   | B- 6 Jul 1924 MS | D-               | M-25 Oct 1947 CA | 10014- KENNEDY,Gloria  | B- 2 Dec 1927 CA | D-               |
| 10012- KENNEDY,Verley  | B-28 Feb 1890 IN | D- 7 Jan 1969 CA | M-24 Dec 1916 CA | 10013- VAU,Daisy B     | B-11 May 1889 NY | D-10 Jul 1977 CA |
| 10010- KENNEDY,William | B-18 Oct 1859 IN | D- 1950 IN       | M-30 Oct 1885 IN | 10011- LUGAR,Catherine | B-Abt 1864 IN    | D-Abt 1912 IN    |
| 10009- KENNEDY,Moses H | B-16 Aug 1821 OH | D-30 Apr 1821 IN | M- 8 Dec 1844 OH | 10008- SRAUFE,Margaret | B-24 Oct 1823 OH | D- 6 Dec 1878 IN |
| 3704 - SRAUFE,Thomas   | B-Abt 1798 OH    | D- OH            | M-23 Jan 1819    | 3697 - VANCE,Sarah     | B-Abt 1797 KY    | D-Bef 1870 OH    |
| 752 - VANCE,John       | B-20 Apr 1773 VA | D- 1 Nov 1831 OH |                  | 753 - REISS,Lydia      | B-26 Oct 1775 VA | D-Abt 1851 OH    |

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| 9032 - VANCE, Harry L   | B-23 Oct 1920 MI | D-               | M-30 Apr 1944 FL | 9034 - VANCE, Judith A  | B-18 Aug 1946 MI | D-               |
| 9054 - VANCE, Clayton E | B-29 Oct 1890 MI | D- 7 Feb 1941 MI | M-17 Jan 1917 MI | 9033 - EVANS, Donna M   | B-17 Apr 1921 IN | D-21 May 1988 FL |
| 9030 - VANCE, Ulysses G | B-18 Apr 1869 MI | D-14 Dec 1937 MI | M- 9 Jun 1888 MI | 9055 - SCHONSHACK, Cla  | B-28 Nov 1895 MI | D-               |
| 9028 - VANCE, Emerson   | B-16 Nov 1840 MI | D-20 Feb 1910 MI | M-21 Mar 1868 MI | 9031 - IRISH, Mabel a   | B-15 Apr 1871 MI | D-21 Dec 1943 MI |
| 9026 - VANCE, John J    | B-23 Oct 1811 NY | D- 3 Sep 1880 MI |                  | 9029 - MCVEIGH, Sarah A | B-23 Feb 1842 MI | D-14 Jul 1903 MI |
| 552 - VANCE, Samuel B   | B-10 Jan 1782 NY | D-21 Aug 1877 MI | M- 1810 NY       | 9027 - DEAN, Cornelia A | B-Abt 1813 NY    | D- 4 Sep 1845 MI |
| 2738 - VANCE, James/Joh | B-               | D-               |                  | 553 - RAPPALÉE, Martha  | B-25 Oct 1790 NJ | D-24 Jan 1872 NY |
|                         |                  |                  |                  | 2739 - UNK, Martha      | B-               | D-               |

**MARTIN, Jack**

|                         |               |                  |               |                         |               |                  |
|-------------------------|---------------|------------------|---------------|-------------------------|---------------|------------------|
| 10120- MARTIN, John V   | B- 8 May 1933 | D-               | M-18 May 1966 | 10121- MOONEY, Martha D | B-10 Jun 1933 | D-               |
| 10117- MARTIN, Vance L  | B-30 Aug 1900 | D-28 Oct 1966    | M- 9 Nov 1921 | 10118- MADSON, Clara E  | B-13 Sep 1904 | D-15 Dec 1994    |
| 10116- MARTIN, Leslie M | B- 2 Apr 1873 | D- 3 Apr 1950    | M-17 Jun 1899 | 3884 - VANCE, Florence  | B-29 Dec 1874 | D- 7 Dec 1961    |
| 3458 - VANCE, James C   | B-15 Feb 1830 | D-12 Mar 1882    | M- 1864       | 3879 - MCCORMICK, Eliza | B- 1844       | D-               |
| 1063 - VANCE, William   | B-Abt 1780    | D-13 Feb 1841 OH |               | 1064 - UNK, Mary        | B- Apr 1785   | D- 4 Oct 1837 IA |

**SENNEWALD, Nancy Jane**

**426 S Pitt St**

**Alexandria VA 22314 3714**

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| 10003- SENNEWALD, Robert B- | D-               | M-16 Jun 1951    | 10002- VANCE, Nancy J | B- 2 Sep 1929 IA        | D-               |                  |
| 9997 - VANCE, Clifford      | B-18 Mar 1889 KS | D-20 Apr 1960 IA | M-19 Dec 1927         | 9999 - WENZL, Gertrude  | B-               |                  |
| 3746 - VANCE, David E       | B-23 Apr 1859 IL | D- 2 Feb 1939 IA | M- 1880 IL            | 3751 - GALBREATH, Nancy | B-24 May 1860 IL | D-29 Aug 1928 IA |
| 3498 - VANCE, David         | B-22 Apr 1824 OH | D-20 Dec 1905 IL | M-20 Sep 1845         | 3499 - WIKOFF, Emma H   | B-17 Apr 1826 OH | D-23 Aug 1907    |
| 2338 - VANCE, John S Sr     | B-11 Sep 1769 VA | D- 1 Aug 1835 OH | M- 9 Apr 1802 OH      | 875 - MCGOVNEY, Margar  | B-26 May 1783 VA | D- 5 Aug 1835 OH |

**VANCE, Horace Henry, III**

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**Stuart FL 34997**

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| 4372 - VANCE, Horace H  | B-15 Jul 1945 NC | D-               | M-16 Jan 1971 TX | 4377 - PARKER, Cynthia  | B-               | D-               |
| 2252 - VANCE, Horace H  | B-13 Dec 1911 NC | D-               | M-22 Nov 1941 NC | 2253 - REECE, Josephine | B-               | D-               |
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| 10148- VANCE, Howard J  | B- | D- | 10149- HILL, Wilma   | B- | D- |
| 10153- VANCE, Hosea     | B- | D- | 10154- UPTON, Violet | B- | D- |
| 10159- VANCE, George Re | B- | D- | 10160- HAYSE, Cordia | B- | D- |

**VANCE, Michael C**

**11 Longbow Ct**

**Overland MO 63114**

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|-------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|-------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| 10006- VANCE, Michael C | B-               | D-               |                  | 5993 - CULLISON, Arlie  | B-               | D-               |
| 5994 - VANCE, Apostle P | B-22 Jul 1919 MO | D-               |                  | 1906 - MCGREGOR, Nellie | B-15 Sep 1864 KY | D-18 Feb 1949 MO |
| 5992 - VANCE, Benjamin  | B-               | D-               |                  | 1908 - CAVANAUGH, Marga | B- 7 Jan 1840 IL | D-19 Jan 1872    |
| 1905 - VANCE, Robert L  | B-24 Jan 1866 IL | D-29 Jan 1942 MO | M-25 Oct 1884 MO | 1910 - RIDGON, Mary     | B-22 Jul 1808 PA | D-17 May 1891 MO |
| 1907 - VANCE, Andrew J  | B-10 Nov 1837 IL | D-25 Jul 1909 MO | M-Abt 1862       | 1912 - THOMAS, Margaret | B-               | D-               |
| 1909 - VANCE, Andrew    | B- 4 Jan 1801    | D- 1850 IL       | M-24 Aug 1830    |                         |                  |                  |
| 1911 - VANCE, Handel    | B-               | D- 1806          |                  |                         |                  |                  |

**VANCE, Powell**

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**Grenada MS 38901**

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| 10000- VANCE, Gilbert P | B-25 Apr 1944    | D-               |                  | 10001- COLLINS, Harriet | B-15 Aug 1946    | D-               |
| 1244 - VANCE, Gilbert P | B- 4 Oct 1912 MS | D-               | M-18 Jul 1933    | 1245 - HARBIN, Ruby     | B-               | D-               |
| 1242 - VANCE, Robert L  | B- 2 Feb 1888 MS | D- 2 Feb 1960 MS |                  | 1243 - NEAL, Eula       | B-30 Jan 1890 MS | D-11 Jun 1979 MS |
| 183 - VANCE, William E  | B-16 Oct 1867 MS | D-15 Jul 1939 MS | M-20 Dec 1885    | 184 - HARBIN, Margaret  | B-11 Mar 1870 MS | D-10 Nov 1932 MS |
| 185 - VANCE, William M  | B- 1820 SC       | D- 1895 MS       | M-14 Dec 1843 MS | 186 - LOTT, Martha      | B- 1827 SC       | D- 1901 MS       |
| 187 - VANCE, John P     | B- 1795 SC       | D- 1863 MS       |                  | 188 - MCNULTY, Isabell  | B- 1795 SC       | D- MS            |
| 189 - VANCE, James A S  | B-Abt 1755       | D-Abt 1821 SC    | M-Abt 1779       | 5061 - UNK,             | B-               | D-               |

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**NEW AND REVISED VFA PEDIGREES**

***VANCE, Randolph N***

***8001 Falling Leaf Court***

***Raleigh NC 27615***

|                        |                  |                  |                  |                        |                  |                  |
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| 4375 - VANCE,Randolph  | B- 9 Apr 1953 NC | D-               | M-25 Jun 1978 NC | 4380 - JOHNSON,Joyce E | B-               | D-               |
| 2252 - VANCE,Horace H  | B-13 Dec 1911 NC | D-               | M-22 Nov 1941 NC | 2253 - REECE,Josephine | B-               | D-               |
| 2254 - VANCE,Horace H  | B-25 Mar 1886 NC | D-30 Jan 1930 NC | M-30 Nov 1910 NC | 2255 - HUSKE,Kate M    | B-16 Jul 1887 FL | D-13 Jun 1969 NC |
| 2256 - VANCE,Joseph A  | B- 4 Dec 1851 NC | D-23 Sep 1927 NC | M-17 Apr 1879 NC | 2257 - FOGLE,Adelaide  | B-24 Nov 1859 NC | D-18 Aug 1894 NC |
| 329 - VANCE,William M  | B- 5 Jun 1819 NC | D- 3 Dec 1901 NC | M-18 May 1842 NC | 330 - SMITH,Hepsa J    | B-20 Feb 1821    | D-10 Jul 1888 NC |
| 331 - VANCE,John Jr    | B-14 Mar 1799 NC | D-13 Jul 1878 NC | M- 6 Apr 1818 NC | 332 - MARSHALL,Mary a  | B- 5 Jan 1799    | D-30 Jun 1883 NC |
| 333 - VANCE,John Sr    | B- 1772          | D-18 Aug 1839 NC | M- 1793          | 334 - WHICKER,Lucreti  | B- 7 Aug 1772 NC | D- 1859          |
| 1621 - VANCE,Samuel Sr | B- 1726          | D-26 May 1789 NC |                  | 101 - UNK,Alice        | B-               | D-               |

***VANCE, William Vere***

***281 Maple St***

***Brevard NC 28712 3852***

|                        |                  |                  |                       |                  |                  |
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| 10093- VANCE,William V | B- 3 Nov 1972 GA | D-               | 10095- MOSS,Cindy     | B- 2 Jul         | D-               |
| 10091- VANCE,William V | B-30 Nov 1951 NY | D-               | 10092- VUXTA,Sharon R | B-15 Sep 1951 GA | D-               |
| 10097- VANCE,William V | B- 1 Feb 1928 IL | D-               | 10098- BARBER,Helen L | B- 6 Jul 1929 NY | D-               |
| 10101- VANCE,William V | B-19 Jul 1896 IL | D-11 May 1967 IL | 10102- HUFFMAN,Mary F | B-15 Aug 1901 IL | D-25 Mar 1963 IL |
| 10105- VANCE,James J   | B-               | D-               | 10106- WHITE,Julia A  | B-               | D-               |
| 10114- VANCE,Elias     | B-               | D-               | 10115- THOMPSON,Mary  | B-               | D-               |

**NUMBER 10,000 - Gilbert Powell Vance, Jr.**

(See Vance Lineage Above)

New VFA member, Gilbert Powell Vance, Jr., is entry number 10,000 in our genealogy database.

Powell (as he prefers to be called) is a native of Mississippi. Married to Harriet Collins in 1946, they have two sons Gilbert Powell Vance III (called Trey) and John Richard Vance.

For the past four terms he has served as the Chancery Clerk, Grenada County, Mississippi. Prior to this civic service his work experience was primarily in new car dealerships. Powell's formal education included Holmes Jr. College, The University of Southern Mississippi and advanced military training at William Carey College.

He has been active in the 1st United Methodist Church, the Masonic, Kiwanis and Moose Lodges, NRA, Ducks and Quail Unlimited and various veteran organizations. He retired as a Major from the Mississippi National Guard.

The Vance Family Association welcomes this outstanding citizen.

**Obituary**

VFA member Roy L. Vance of Port Ludlow, WA passed away March 29, 1997. Roy was born in Covington, Louisiana in 1919. He retired from the State of Idaho. Our condolences to his wife, Norma.

# Queries

**AGNES PENQUITE VANCE** married **JOHN ROGERS**, about 1813-1814 around Jackson Co., TN., or Smith Co. TN. Her father was **JAMES VANCE**, who lived at Fort Blount, TN about 22 April 1801. I am looking for **JOHN ROGERS** parents, **JOHN** was born about 1 Mar 1792 in "Tennessee" according to the 1850 Census of Mercer Co., MO., where he died about 4th Mar 1859, buried Covey Cem, Princetown, Mercer Co., MO. Will cover any copying and postage costs.

**LACRETIA H. STOUT**, 5700 SE HAZEL ROAD, APT 1002, BARTERSVILLE, OK 74006-7911.

If anyone has access to abstracts of legal documents/will/probate, etc. for Mason Co., KY please contact:  
**KATHLEEN MASON**, VFA SENIOR HISTORIAN (ADDRESS ON FRONT PAGE)

Trying to locate any information on the parents and birthplace of my 3g grandfather **THOMAS VANCE** who settled in Gallia County OH in Morgan Township. I have seen references to his possibly being from around Rockbridge VA. Also in the IGI there is a marriage listing in Monongalia County Morgan Twp VA now WV. However I have found no official records showing this marriage. **THOMAS VANCE** was born about 1790 in VA and his wife **SARAH COLWELL** born in VA also according to census records their first child was born in 1810 so their marriage was probably before 1810. This couple moved to Gallia County Morgan Twp prior to 1818 according to the tax records. Any information will be welcomed.

**ROBERT LEE VANCE** POB 12521, EL PASO, TX 79913-0521 OR VANLEER~WORLDNET.ATT.NET

Appreciate any information on **ANDREW VANCE/ANN RAMEY** and **ANDREW VANCE/ELIZABETH VEITCH** lines. Willing to share data.

**ELIZABETH HEAL**, 4713 RIMROCK ROAD, BILLINGS, MT 59106

**CLARENCE VANCE** married **SARAH MERTIS LEIST** (b Whisler, OH 13 May 1877). Anyone know of this **CLARENCE VANCE** or marriage info on **CLARENCE & SARAH**?

**JOEL VANCE**, 5213 ROUTE D, RUSSELLVILLE, MO 65074

My husband's great grandfather is **JOHN VANCE BIDDLE** who can be placed in Bedford Co., TN around 1837. The middle name of **VANCE** was carried down for 3 generations. There must have been a **VANCE** connection to create this naming pattern. One possibility is a **JOHN BIDDLE** who married **ELIZABETH VANCE** in 1811, Cecil Co. MD. However, I have searched for this couple in MD, TN and NC to no avail.

**VIVIAN BIDDLE**, 23400 9TH PLACE W, BOTHELL, WA 98021-8505

**ELIZA GREEN/GREER** b 6 Jul 1799, d 3 Jun 1869 McLean Co., KY m **JOSEPH VANCE** b 8 Sep 1794 d 8 Mar 1863 McLean Co., KY. Married 28 Dec 1818 Knox Co., TN. Desperately seeking resolution on the name of **GREEN** or **GREER**. Marriage certificate looks like **GREER**. Thankful for any help.

**ANNA VANCE BEUMEL**, 5224 NEWHOLT RD., OWENSBORO, KY 42303.

Seeking information on **CHAPMAN VANCE**. Appears in the Kanawha Co., WV census of 1870 & 1880. He married **LUTETIA**? They had children **WILLIAM** (1867), **MARY EMMA** (1868), **LERU** (abt 1872), **CHRIS VANCE** (abt 1875), and **FRANK VANCE** (abt 1879). All leads greatly appreciated.

**ROBERT J. EDENS**, **ROBERTE828@AOL.COM** OR WRITE THE VFA EDITOR.

*(Queries continue on next page)*

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*(Queries Continued)*

Father of **JOHN SAMUEL VANCE** (1769 - 1835) who married **MARY CROSEN (CRUSAN)** lived in Frederick Co., VA is reported as **JOSEPH VANCE/RACHEL ALEXANDER** in one source and **REV. HUGH VANCE** in another source. Would someone be able to help me straighten this out?  
**JOEL VANCE, 5213 ROUTE D, RUSSELLVILLE, MO 65074**

My gr-grandmother, **DIANA (ANN) VANCE**, was born 2 April 11813 in Adams Co., OH. She married **JOHN BURKHOLDER** in Adams Co., OH. I can find no record of their marriage or where they died. I can locate them later in McLean Co., IL. Of their eight children four were born in Adams Co., OH and four in McLean Co., IL. Some of this family ended up in Kansas. If you have any leads or hints on this family, please write.  
**THYRA MCGUIRE, 18981 SYMES LANE, FORT BRAGG, CA 95437-8214.**

Can anyone place **JANE VANCE** who married (ca 1800) **JOHN PORTER** b 1768? They had a daughter, **REBECCA PORTER** who was born in 1802 in KY.  
**MARY HARRIS, 857 CORNISH DRIVE, SAN DIEGO, CA 92107-4249**

Who are the **ANN VANCE** and **WILLIAM VANCE** of Shippensburg, Pa who have the following inscription on their tombstone at Shippensburg?

"Sacred

To the memory of Ann wife of William Vance,  
Who departed this life

26 October 1804

age 30 years

Death Unpropitious with an arrow rife

As she was walking took away her Live

On the highway she sunk beneath the wound

Clasp in her arms her babe alive was found

Reader reflect how transient is thy breath

And spend your time as you would with at death.

(Also carved on the tombstone)

Also, in the same grave lies William, son of the above

Together with her Grandmother Ann Speer"

**PHYLLIS WORRALL, 371 HUBLER RIDGE ROAD, BELLEFONTE, PA 16823**

**DAVID VANCE**, born Apr 1788, either CT or Charlestown, MA., married to **OLIVE (?)**. Children, all born Caledonia, VT: **DAVID II**, 16 May 1809; **WILLIAM**, 24 Oct 1810; **AARON**, 14 Oct 1812; **BETSEY**, 23 Aug 1814; **ABIGAIL**, 5 Oct 1816; **DANIEL**, 31 Aug 1818; **JANE**, 15 Aug 1820; **STEPHEN**, 12 Aug 1822; **HANNAH**, 6 Aug 1824; **NATHAN**, 8 Oct 1826; **GEORGE**, 17 May 1829; and **OLIVE**, 12 Apr 1831. Who were the wife and mother **OLIVE**? She died before Oct 1856, when **DAVID** married second time to **PHOEBE HOSMER PERKINS**. Willing to share my information with anyone in this line.

**MARJORIE VANCE RICE, 2419 CHEVY CHASE DR., JOLIET, IL 60435, POCJ72A@PRODIGY.COM**

Need help with **JOHN G. VANCE** b7 Jan 1884, Berwind, WV d 11 Jun 1962, Tazewell, VA. Married **NANCY MARGARET SPENCE**.

**ALANA KIMBEL, 220 8TH AVE, SLC UT. 84103. ALANAK@INCONNECT.COM.**

Seeking **VANCE** female born 1944 in Manhattan, Kansas.

**BRUCE VANCE, 612 155TH PLACE NE., BELLEVUE, WA 98007 OR VFA@COMPUSERVE.COM.**

*Resubmit your queries*

*New members and new information are being added regularly*

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**Travelogue and Minutes of San Antonio Meeting, May 15-18,1997**

Thanks to the 47 who participated in the San Antonio meeting. There were 15 from Texas and 7 from Ohio. In all, 13 states were represented.

| Chairpersons                                              |                                                              |                                                                       |
|-----------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|
| VANCE, Bob & Evey    Louisville, Kentucky                 |                                                              | VANCE, Bobby & Louise    Waco, Texas                                  |
| <i>BOGGS, Peggy &amp; John Boggs</i><br>Topeka, Kansas    | <i>MULLER, Marilyn &amp; Constance</i><br>Buffalo, MN        | <i>VANCE, Buddy</i><br>Bryan, TX                                      |
| <i>CLARK, Helen</i><br>Columbus, OH                       | <i>NELSON, Jerry &amp; Betty</i><br>Killeen, Texas           | <i>VANCE, Bruce &amp; Eva</i><br>Bellevue, Washington                 |
| <i>COX, Dorothy &amp; Julian</i><br>Sugar Land, Texas     | <i>PERRY, Julie</i><br>Moore Haven, FL                       | <i>VANCE, Gene &amp; Gloria</i><br>Dallas, Texas                      |
| <i>GREEN, Wanda</i><br>Johnstown, OH                      | <i>PHILLIPS, Betty &amp; Mel</i><br>Hudson, Florida          | <i>VANCE, Jack</i><br>Jackson, Mississippi                            |
| <i>HORN, Audrey</i><br>Columbus, OH                       | <i>PRYOR, Marty &amp; Reggie</i><br>Lancaster, Ohio          | <i>VANCE, Horace &amp; Josephine</i><br>Winston-Salem, North Carolina |
| <i>JENNINGS, Larri Jo &amp; Dale</i><br>Benton, Louisiana | <i>SILFIES, Betty &amp; Woody</i><br>Allentown, Pennsylvania | <i>VANCE, Richard &amp; Pam</i><br>Red Oak, Texas                     |
| <i>PHELPS - MANES, Mary</i><br>Oklahoma City, OK          | <i>SIMPSON, Sammie</i><br>Sudan, TX                          | <i>VANCE, Sam &amp; Dolores</i><br>Huntsville, Alabama                |
| <i>MASON, Herman &amp; Kathleen</i><br>Jackson, MS        | <i>TAFT, Wylene</i><br>Garland, TX                           | <i>VANCE, Waid &amp; Sylvia</i><br>Westerville, Ohio                  |
|                                                           |                                                              | <i>WILKINSON, Barbara</i><br>San Antonio, Texas                       |

On Thursday night we survived a rare San Antonio rainstorm and ate at the County Line Bar-B-Q on the Riverwalk. Friday morning we saw an IMAX movie of the famed Alamo battle, then toured the Alamo itself, next door to our headquarters hotel, the Menger. In the afternoon we boarded our bus and visited the San Jose Mission and the War Museum at Fort Sam Houston. We then went to the James Vance house, an 1883 ranch house with beautiful Victorian furnishings. We were escorted through the home by Claire English, a James Vance descendant and one of the current owners. We completed the day at the Jail House Cafe, which serves truly Texas-size portions.

Saturday, after the business meeting, we boarded the bus again for a trip to Castroville, 20 miles to the west. After lunch at the Alsatian Inn, June Secrist, manager of the Landmark Inn State Historical Park, treated us to a talk. June then accompanied us to the Park and we saw the Inn itself, which had been built largely by John and Rowena Vance, the Vance House built by John, and a grist mill where he had conducted much of his business. On our return to San Antonio we were shown the grave sites of John and Rowena and of several other early Vance settlers by Kevin Young, a Landmark Inn representative who has made a considerable study of the Texas Vances. We ate a fine Mexican dinner at the Casa Rio on the Riverwalk and enjoyed a late evening barge ride up the river.

On Sunday morning we went to the Institute of Texan Cultures and saw many displays of early life of various ethnic groups. This was followed by a sack lunch at a Pioneer farm display behind the Institute. We then separated to find our various modes of travel home.

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Saturday Business Meeting.

1. Minutes of the 1995 meeting were approved as printed in the July 1995 Newsletter.
2. Bruce honored Horace and Josephine Vance of Winston-Salem, NC for their attendance at the VFA biennial meetings..
3. Bruce thanked Bobby Vance of Waco and Bob and Evelyn Vance of Louisville for planning and administrating this meeting.
4. There are now 355 members. 75% of the founding VFA members are still active.
5. The Newsletter started in 1988 with 87 pages and in the last 3 years has approached 150 pages. Despite this growth the \$15 dues continues to handle annual VFA expenses. This is due in part to the generosity of the membership. Over 30% of the members donate additional funds when renewing.
6. The excellent work of Kathleen Mason was recognized with the title of Senior Historian. Her assistants, Grace Dotson, Virginia Lovett, and Mary Norfleet become full Historians. A significant Scottish book, the Lanercost Cartulary, has just become available at a cost of 27 pounds See Kathleen for the address for ordering.
7. Treasurer Waid Vance reported that the 1995 balance of \$9938 has now grown to \$11,355
8. The election results were announced with no dissenting votes. Ballots were submitted from 30 states and Japan. The new officers are:
  - President, Bruce Vance, Bellevue, WA
  - Vice President, Sam Vance, Huntsville, AL
  - Treasurer, Waid Vance, Westerville, OH
  - Secretary, Quintin Vance, Bluefield, VA
9. Site of the next meeting was discussed. Among those suggested were Branson, MO, Salt Lake City, Columbus and Cincinnati, St. Paul, St. Louis and Dallas. As required by the by-laws the site will be chosen in the Executive Committee meeting.
10. The new T-shirts with the Vance coat-of-arms has been a great success. The 75 shirts ordered have sold out and numerous back-orders have been placed.
11. Kathleen has maps and addresses available to assist groups that may wish to visit Scotland before the next VFA tour, which has not yet been scheduled. A request was made to keep the videotape from the 1994 trip available on the product list.
12. Meeting was adjourned at 10:15.

VFA Executive Committee Meeting, May 17, 1997

All Elected officers and the Senior Historian were present.

1. T-shirts. It was decided to place an order for an additional 75 and to publicize them before Christmas.
2. Contributions
  - Barbarroch - raise to \$150 annually
  - Lanercost Priory - continue at \$150 annually
  - Hanley and Salt Lake libraries - send them copies of the Lanercost Cartulary
3. Dues - maintain at \$15 for the next two years
4. Scholarships - we have 4 and will continue to finance.
5. Scotland trip - Sam Vance will draw up a questionnaire for the October Newsletter to survey the interest in a European trip.
6. Next meeting - Columbus, Ohio chosen. Will ask Wanda Green (ed: Wanda accepted) to chair and Waid Vance to advise.



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**LINEAGE SOFTWARE** Thanks to Becky Pyle who responded to the January report on software with the following letter.

Dear Bruce,

I just read your note in the newsletter regarding software. I've been using The Master Genealogist (TMG) for over a year and I love it! I'm using the DOS version under Windows 95 with no problems at all. I'm waiting for the CD ROM update before I switch to the windows version.

My favorite part is the ability to connect people as "witnesses" to events. It's great for wills, land transactions, passenger lists, etc. I also like the unlimited and flexible event tags. You can show just about anything that can occur in a person's lifetime.

The reports were tricky at first, but now I appreciate how much I can do with them. I still have some complaints, but nothing that I can't live with. The research log is nice (once I got the hang of it!). Now, when I'm off to a research site I can print out a list of what I'm looking for at that particular place. Saves a lot of time and "dithering" once I'm there.

I went from Brother's Keeper to TMG and didn't have much trouble learning it. My files transferred with no problems, though I've heard others have had some. It's a matter of getting the settings right BEFORE you transfer. Multiple databases are easy. I maintain a separate file of any Vance who is related to me in any way, shape or form. I'm hoping this will help me identify my elusive John Vance Taylor. I can switch back and forth with no problems.

Finally, TMG has a very active support mailing list. Any time I've had a problem, I've thrown it out to the list. I've always gotten an answer, sometimes from Bob Velke, the developer himself.

I could go on, but you get the idea. I feel it's a good investment. Feel free to use any or part of this note.

Becky Pyle

We need someone's thoughts and experiences with ROOTS IV to finish this topic.

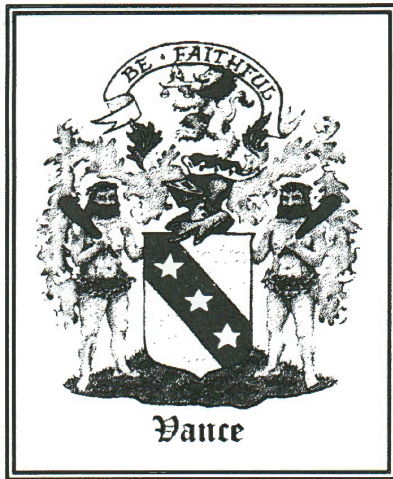
**INTERNET** After spending a frustrating afternoon at the Seattle Public Library waiting for one book to be returned to the stack, I was delighted to find an alternative source on the Internet. The award winning Chester County (PA) Genealogical Web Site included a section with research books and volunteers to do the digging. The very book I had been trying to locate 'Chester County Births 1682-1800' was on the list. I linked to the researcher and submitted my request. Excitedly, I e-mailed our Historian and Associate Historians about this facility. I had some e-mail problems with the above web site but the site administrator and the researcher helped solve the dilemma. I had upgraded to Microsoft Office 97 and Microsoft Internet Explorer and my e-mail wasn't getting through. To compound the problem, the return message information was being dumped in a 'new' section of Office that I wasn't aware of. So much for the magic of integration.

It is all working great now but the really bad news is that there were no Vances listed in the above book.

If you are researching southeastern Pennsylvania, I suggest you check out this site.

**PAF 3.0 IS HERE** Just received this latest version but haven't installed it. As soon as this newsletter is in the mail, I will convert. There are many new and exciting features that I will relate in the next newsletter. It is significantly different so I wouldn't classify this as an upgrade. (Save you old version and data until you're sure everything is o.k.) PAF remains DOS based, but my DOS applications are performing well under WIN 95.





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*The Presbyterian Church  
Of the Falling Spring  
Chambersburg, Pennsylvania  
Established 1734*



*In 1768 Patrick Vance was a Trustee  
Sketch of Present Church from a Visitors Card  
Furnished by Kathleen Mason*

*See Page 69*

## President-Editor's Message

**L**AST CHANCE TO REGISTER FOR SAN ANTONIO. The enclosed registration form with the fee needs to be in the mail by April 15<sup>th</sup>. The format for this get together is an experiment. We stretched the timeframe to include four days of events. Our thinking was that members spend quite a bit of money getting to the various locations so we should offer more. With that, obviously, comes an increase in registration fee. Also, the lodgings are a bit spiffier so that price increased. Hopefully, this will have a positive effect but if not, we will drop back to the prior format for Cincinnati in 1999. Personally, Eva and I are especially excited to see the San Antonio sites plus visit with our Vance friends.

Take a look at the back of the San Antonio registration form. If enough members are interested we are going to have VFA T-shirts available. This will be a one-time shot so don't hesitate to act.

**M**embership is at 325. 17 of those are new and 9 are renewals from membership prior to 1996. I looked back at end of the year membership figures for comparison: October 94 - 315; October 95 - 345; October 96 - 358. It looks like we are tracking right with 1995 and 1996.

***I knew it would happen - Texas has tied California for 1<sup>st</sup> place at 26 members each.***

**H**arriet Chesi has an unusual but creative query this quarter, she wants to create a sub-group that will concentrate on the New York and New England areas. An idea I hope gathers some members, sounds like a worthwhile project.

**D**aniel Webster said 'There is a moral and philosophical respect for our ancestors which elevates the character and improves the heart.' Pleasing thought, makes you feel good about this tedious ancestor digging

**T**he Ohio river was a huge help to our Vance ancestors in their migration west but certainly hasn't been friendly to our current Vances in Kentucky and Ohio. Our Mississippians are awaiting the deluge of water coming down their river from the Ohio. Vicksburg, look out!

Bob Vance of Louisville spent a couple of nights in his basement running a pump that had to be manually turned on and off about every twelve minutes. One night his wife Evey heard loud laughter from the basement. Thinking Bob may have 'flipped' she went down to the basement and asked what possibly could be so funny. 'This whole thing is my fault,' he replied, 'look what I am reading.' He held up his book, 'The Rainmaker' by John Grisham. Way to go, Bob.

**H**alberts of Bath, Ohio are still doing business as usual despite the efforts of the National Genealogical Society. Last I heard there was a restraining order specifying that Halberts couldn't advertise their 'Name Book' as a genealogical work. In January I received yet another offer to buy a 'World Book of Vance' so I assume they have skated by the ruling somehow. Be advised, it is primarily a listing of current Vance's, their address's and phone numbers. The publication has limited genealogical value.

**J**ohn Geary of McLean, VA returned his San Antonio reminder, which had been mangled in the mail. I hope most of these got through intact. I have always had excellent service from the Post Office and trust this was an unusual incident. However, I will probably put everything in an envelope from now on.

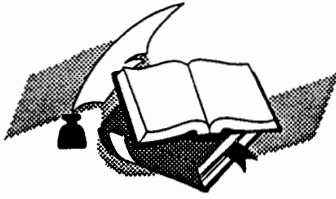
### ***Help!***

***We need a compiler and typist for the Subject Index. We are starting a new volume with 1995 so the task will include 1995, 1996 and maybe 1997.***

***Contact Kathleen or me.***

Enuff,  
See you in San Antonio but in the meantime.....go find an ancestor and plant a tree,





## United States History

### EARLY KENTUCKY LAND GRANTS TO VANCES

Derived from Willard Rouse Jillson's book, *The Kentucky Land Grants*, published by Genealogical Publishing Co. in 1971. Book and page references are Mr. Jillson's references to the books where the original records are kept.

Virginia Grants (by Virginia, for service in French & Indian or Revolutionary War):

|                 |                                                                                                |
|-----------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| William Vance   | 982½ acres surveyed 18 Jul 1783 in Jefferson Co. on Pleasant Run (Book 8, p. 39)               |
| David Vance     | 1,000 acres surveyed 29 Apr 1784 in Fayette Co. on South Fork of the Elkhorn. (Book 1, p. 384) |
| William Vance   | 1,000 acres surveyed 18 Apr 1788 Military Co. on Ohio River (Book 13, p. 615)                  |
| Alexander Vance | 714 acres surveyed 3 Nov 1788 in Nelson Co. on Pitmans Creek (Book 11, p. 443)                 |

Old Kentucky Grants (by Kentucky beginning in 1793, sometimes for land surveyed before it became a state, and includes military, seminary, academic, treasury warrants and pre-emption grants):

|              |                                                                                    |
|--------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Robert Vance | 1,000 acres surveyed 22 Jan 1785 in Military Co.; no watercourse. (Book 8, p. 174) |
| Joseph Vance | 930 acres surveyed 29 Sep 1798 in Lincoln Co.; no watercourse. (Book 14, p. 424)   |

Grants South of Green River (the former Military County; after 1797, given to heads of families over 21 who had been bona fide settlers on the land for more than a year, without requirement of Revolutionary War service.)

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| Alexander Vance | 200 acres surveyed 25 May 1799 in Green Co. on Little Barren River. (Book 22, p. 241)          |
| Martin Vance    | 200 acres surveyed 16 Jun 1799 in Green Co. on Big Barren River (Book 13, p. 532)              |
| Jno Vance       | 200 acres surveyed 4 Nov 1799 in Christian Co. on the Elk Fork of Red River (Book 6, p. 87)    |
| Jno Vance       | 200 acres surveyed 4 Apr 1803 in Christian Co. on the Elk Fork of Red River (Book 6, p. 100)   |
| Thos Vance      | 400 acres surveyed 10 Nov 1804 in Henderson Co. on Highland Creek (Book 9, p. 222)             |
| James Vance     | 270 acres surveyed 4 Mar 1806 in Logan Co.; no watercourse. (Book 24, p. 311)                  |
| Jno Vance       | 200 acres surveyed 2 Jul 1806 in Christian Co. on Elk Fork of Red River (Book 15, p. 391)      |
| Jno Vance       | 110 acres surveyed 25 Apr 1807 in Christian Co. on the Elk Fork of Red River (Book 11, p. 139) |
| Jno Vance       | 24 acres surveyed 17 Nov 1807 in Christian Co. on the Elk Fork of Red River (Book 6, p. 87)    |
| Jno Vance       | 60 acres surveyed 27 Nov 1815 in Christian Co. on Elk Fork (Book 19, p. 306)                   |
| Jno Vance       | 65 acres surveyed 8 Jan 1816 in Christian Co. on Elk Fork of Red River. (Book 21, p. 241)      |
| Jno Vance       | 11 acres surveyed 5 Oct 1817 in Christian Co. on Elk Fork of Red River (book 24, p. 477)       |

- Submitted by Susan Henderson.

The John Vance of Christian Co. KY appears to be the son of David Vance of Mecklenburg, NC. John Vance married Martha Davidson in Knox Co. TN 1799. He later moved to Todd Co. KY, thence to Christian Co. KY. Information submitted by descendant Celeste Steger to Kathleen Mason.

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**CHILDREN OF WILLIAM VANCE AND FANNY WOOLDRIDGE**

of Green County, Kentucky  
[Vance Family Association ##405 and 406]

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In the January 1997 issue of the Vance Family Association Newsletter, we provided information concerning **William Vance** and his wife, **Fanny Wooldridge**. This article compiles information on their 13 children and 86 known grandchildren, using a combination of family lore, census data and information found in Green County court records, much of which has not previously been published. We believe that most of the Vances living in Green and Hart Counties of Kentucky in the nineteenth century were descendants of William Vance and Fanny Wooldridge.

1. **Alexander Vance** (14 Apr 1786 GC KY - 10 Oct 1858 Taylor Co. KY; VFA #798) on 23 Oct 1810 in Green Co. KY married **Frances ("Fanny") Hudson** (c1793 VA - aft 1860; VFA #799), daughter of **John Peter Hudson**. On 20 Oct 1829, Alexander acquired 185 acres on Pitman Creek from **William Buckner** (GC DB 13:350). Per *GC KY Vital Statistics*, he died of "old age" in Cambellsville KY at age 74. Alexander Vance did not make a will, but eight children were named as his heirs in the court proceedings concerning his estate (*D. M. Williams, Administrator v. Heirs of Alex Vance*, dec'd, GC CC #126, filed Dec 20, 1858), in which son R.A.T. Vance deposed that his father was treated by Dr. Hodges, who also attended his sister, Fanny. The plaintiff claimed that the estate was indebted to Shreve Company, F. Miller, Thomas G. Thompson, John McGlasson and Drury Hudson, and asserted "Alexander Vance left no personal estate. He left a 180 acre tract on Sand Lick Branch in Green County. Since the personal estate will not pay his debts, the heirs must sell the land." In 1860, widow Fanny Hudson Vance was shown living in Green Co. with children Sarah E., John P. and Fanny E. Vance. Alexander and Fanny's children who were named as heirs in the litigation concerning Alexander's estate were:

- (a) **Rev. Jesse H. Vance** (c1811 GC KY - ?) married **Elizabeth Ann Chaney** on 13 Mar 1838 in Green Co. and had eight children.
- (b) **Mary Frances Vance** (c1815 GC KY - ?) probably died single;
- (c) **William Vance** (c1819 GC KY - aft 1880) married **Caroline Nelson** in Green Co. at **James Nelson's** on 6 April 1857 and settled in Taylor Co. KY where they raised six children.
- (d) **Joyce Vance** (c1820 - ?) married **Sydney Smith** on 8 Dec 1855 in Green Co. at the home of **W. M. Williams**. They were described as "non-residents" in the litigation concerning Alexander's estate.
- (e) **Jane Vance** (1824 - ?) married **Hugh Warren** before 1858 per GC CC #126;
- (f) **Sarah Elizabeth Vance** (1826 - ?) was still single in 1858;
- (g) **John P. Vance** (1829 - aft 1858) married **Nancy J. Smith** on 19 Sep 1854 at the home of **R. Smith**; They had one daughter before Nancy left the state with another man, and John obtained a divorce.
- (h) **Richard Alexander Taylor "R.A.T." Vance** (17 Jun 1833 KY - 21 Nov 1912 KY) married **Susan Mary Sutherland** (5 Apr 1838 - 6 Mar 1915) on 2 Jun 1857 in Green Co. During their stormy marriage, which included a divorce and reconciliation, they had five children.
- (i) **Frances "Fanny" E. Vance** (1836 - aft 1858) was single in 1858.

2. **Richard Vance** (12 Dec 1787 GC KY - 11 Nov 1858 Hart Co. KY; VFA #2046) married **Mary Milby** (21 Jul 1795 Rockingham NC - 17 Apr 1872 GC KY; VFA #2124), daughter of **John Milby** and **Catherine Larimore**, on 28 Dec 1814 in Green Co. KY, with the consent of her father. Richard was a planter who had been a teacher in his younger days. He died of congestive fever in Hart Co. KY, where he was buried in the Old Sulphur Springs Baptist Church Cemetery. Their 13 children were:

- (a) **Cassandra Vance** (c1815 GC KY - 1816 GC KY).
- (b) **William Vance** (c1817 GC KY - 16 Oct 1860 Hart Co. KY).

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- (c) **Alexander Vance** (3 Jan 1820 GC KY - 25 Jul 1904 Hart Co. KY) married **Eliza Katherine Puckett** (31 Oct 1826 Halifax Co. VA - 3 Jul 1866 Hart Co. KY); daughter of **Stephen Covington Puckett** and his first wife **Elizabeth Sparrow** of Halifax Co. VA) on 18 Nov 1842 and lived in Hart Co. KY. They were Hester Garrett's great grandparents. She wrote that Alex was a talented musician and choir director at his Methodist church. As an abolitionist, he refused to keep slaves. They had nine children.
  - (d) **Narcissa Vance** (c1823 GC KY - ?) married (1) her brother-in-law, **Samuel Thomas Puckett**, son of **Stephen C. Puckett** and **Elizabeth Sparrow**, then (2) **Robert Bomar**, and had two children.
  - (e) **Tarrissa F. Vance** (1823 GC KY - bef 1866; Narcissa's twin) married **James A. William Hall** (c1816 KY. - ?).
  - (g) **Richard Vance, Jr.** (4 May 1824 GC KY - 7 Sep 1852 Hart Co. KY) married **Sarah R. \_\_\_\_** (b. c1831 per the 1850 Census) and had at least three children.
  - (h) **James M. Vance** (c1829 GC KY - ?) a doctor, lived in Hart Co. and married his brother Richard's wife **Sarah (\_\_\_\_) Vance** after Richard, Jr. died. They had one daughter.
  - (i) **Mary C. Vance** (c1830 GC KY - ?) married **Lorenzo D. Jagers** (c1830 Hart Co. KY - ?) on 30 Nov 1854.
  - (j) **John C. Vance** (c1831 GC KY - ?), was a preacher. Was he the John C. Vance who married as his second wife **Elizabeth Ann Henderson**, daughter of **Baylor Henderson** and **Elizabeth Milby** on 14 Apr 1852 in Larue Co. KY?
  - (k) **Susan Jane Vance** (c1835 GC KY - 9 Nov 1861 Hart Co. KY), a deaf mute, died single of pleurisy.
  - (l) **Silas Lee Vance** (1 Oct 1837 Hart Co. KY - 26 Mar 1914 Hart Co. KY) married **Sarah M. Shelton** on 7 May 1868, and had one daughter.
  - (m) **Martha A. Vance** (1840 Hart Co. KY - bef 1866 Hart Co. KY).
  - (n) **Cassander Vance** (est 1842 Hart Co. KY - ?).
3. **Jane Vance** (11 Oct 1789 GC KY - bef 1831; VFA #5254) married **Henry Hudson** (1782 ?VA - 24 Nov 1862; VFA #5264), son of **John Peter Hudson**, on 23 Jan 1810 in Green Co. She died before 1831 when her father's will refers to her as deceased, but the will said she had heirs (plural), so she had more than one child. Possibly their son—per Hester Garrett; no proof—**Alexander Hudson** who married (1) **Sarah Chaudoin** on 26 Oct 1830 in Green Co., then (2) **Rachel Etherton** (1834 - ?) on 23 Sep 1856 in Green Co. at **Perry Money's**, with cousin **Jesse Vance** performing the ceremony.
4. **Margaret Vance** (31 Dec 1791 GC KY - 21 Mar 1875 KY; VFA #5255) married her brother-in-law, **Pleasant William Hudson** (c1791 Pittsylvania Co VA - 17 Oct 1843 KY; VFA #5265), son of **John Peter Hudson** and **Joyce Fears**) on 17 Dec 1810 in Green Co. Per a biography of their son, Drury, at pages 155-6 of Vol. V of Perrin's *Kentucky History and Genealogy*, they had three sons and four daughters "all of whom lived to be grown." We have names of only two sons and three daughters and a few grandchildren.
- (a) **William Hudson** (c1811 GC KY - ?), farmer, married **Margaret J. Hudson** (c1820 - ?) on 4 Oct 1853 at **D. Hudson's**, with **Abel Hudson** signing the bond. They had three children.
  - (b) **Joyce Hudson** (c1821 GC KY - 20 Nov 1854 KY) was bonded to marry **Robert C. Wooldridge** (c1822 GC KY - aft 1883 MO; son of Richard Wooldridge Jr. and Sarah Vaughan) on 12 Sep 1844. They had two children.
  - (c) **Drury Hudson** (5 Mar 1823 KY GC KY - 8 Feb 1888 GC KY), a merchant, married **Elizabeth "Betty" Jane Vaughan** (17 Mar 1833 GC KY - 23 Sep 1862 GC KY; daughter of **Fielding Vaughan** and **Eliza Gum**) on 8 Mar 1855 at **F. Vaughan's** in Green County. They had two children.
  - (d) **Margaret J. Hudson** (c1825 GC KY - 3 Oct 1853 GC KY) married her first cousin, **William M. Marcum** (26 Jan 1820 GC KY - ?; son of **Mary "Polly" Vance** and **John Marcum**) on 25 Jan 1848 in Green County, and had two children.
  - (e) **Elizabeth Hudson** (est 1827 GC KY - ?) married **John Peter Hudson, Jr.** on 8 Apr 1841 with **Alex Hudson** signing the bond. They had two children.



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5. **Elizabeth Jane Vance** (19 Jan 1794 GC KY - bef 1861 KY; VFA #5256) married brother-in-law **Drury Hudson** (c1782 VA - 14 Nov 1861; VFA #5266) son of **John Peter Hudson**, on 9 Jan 1812 in Green Co. When the 1850 census was taken in Green Co., Abel Hudson (c1813 - ?), possibly a son, was living next to them, and Margaret Hudson (c1820 - ?) was living with them, together with William Ward (c1837 - ?) who was possibly a grandson.

6. **John Vance** (28 May 1796 GC KY - 15 Jun 1865 GC KY; VFA #403) married his sister-in-law, **Nancy Hudson** (11 Nov 1800 VA - 10 Sep 1879 GC KY; VFA #404) daughter of **John Peter Hudson**, on 23 Mar 1818 in Green Co. Per VFA member, **Hazel Draper**, at the time of the 1850 census, two-year-old **Louisa J. Wilson** was living with them. This was probably Louisa Jane Wilson (c1848 - ?), first child of **Jesse Allen Wilson**, whose wife **Margaret (Hamilton) Wilson**, had given birth to a son in 1850 shortly before the census was taken. The toddler may have been visiting next door with her uncle to give Margaret a rest. **Nancy (Hudson) Vance** was shown in the 1870 census living with Alice Hall, age 17 (probably her granddaughter, **Alice G. Hall**) as her helper. On 18 Mar 1833, **John Vance**, **Thomas Barnett** and **William Barnett** were appointed to divide the land of **Henry Hudson** [brother of John Peter Hudson Sr.], dec'd, among his heirs. (GC Order Bk 10, p. 449) On 10 Oct 1831, John purchased two lots, totaling 155 acres, on Pitman Creek from **Joseph Day** and **Robert M. Abney** (GC DB 14:247). In Sep 1847, John Vance petitioned to build a water grist mill on Pitman Creek, "he owning the land on both sides" of the creek. A jury was appointed to view the property to "ascertain as the law directs such damages as will be occasioned by the creation of said mill and dam, and make a report thereof." (GC OB 10:128). Permission was granted the following month. (GC Order Bk 10:135) On 25 Feb 1858 the heirs of **Andrew Barnett** sued John Vance, alleging that he was unlawfully cutting timber from 22 acres of land which they claimed Andrew had acquired in 1819. The heirs won. (GC CC #9296). John Vance died intestate in 1865. In March 1867, the court appointed **D. [Drury] Hudson**, **F. [Fielding] Vaughan** & **Burr Hazel** to divide his land among his heirs. (GC Order Bk 12, p. 269) His administrator, **L. T. Vance** stated that he left nine living children (**Nancy**, **P. H. [Pleasant Hudson]**, **Elizabeth Durrett**, **John H.**, **E. S. [Emmanuel Swedenbourg]**, **Mary S. Wade**, **James C.**, **L. T. [Lucian Titus]** and **Richard**) plus three Hall grandchildren by a deceased daughter. (GC CC #350). Their known issue were:

- (a) **Margaret Vance** (21 Dec 1818 GC KY - Aug 1820 GC KY).
- (b) **Richard Vance** (27 Feb 1820 GC KY - aft 1890) married **Lucy Hall** (1825 Barren Co. KY - aft 1890) on 19 Feb 1847 in Green Co. Richard probably died before 1897, when daughter **Margaret Vance** married at "Lucy Vance's." They had eleven children.
- (c) **Pleasant Hudson Vance** (22 Dec 1821 [?] GC KY - c1876) married **Nancy** \_\_\_ and settled in Simpson Co. KY where they raised four children.
- (d) **Martha Jane Vance** (23 Dec 1823 [?] GC KY - 29 Aug 1853) married **William Jackson Hall** (c1818 Barron Co. KY - c1885) on 25 Dec 1846, and had four children.
- (e) **Elizabeth Ann Vance** (7 Jan 1828 GC KY - ?) married **Henry "Harry" Durrett** (16 Feb 1805 VA - 1879 Taylor Co.) on 1 Oct 1857 at **John Vance's** house, as his second wife [first wife was **Polly Young**, mother of **Martha Alice Durrett** who married **Pleasant Hudson Vance**] and had five children.
- (f) **Nancy Elmira Vance** (c1828 GC KY - 13 Oct 1856 GC KY) died single of fever.
- (g) **Parthenia Melvina Vance** (12 Apr 1830 GC KY - 27 Feb 1846 GC KY).
- (h) **John Henry Vance** (13 Apr 1832 GC KY - ?) married **Mary B. Wheat** on 22 Jun 1855 and settled in Hart Co. KY, where they raised five children.
- (i) **William Alexander Vance** (25 Feb 1834 GC KY - 10 Oct 1856 GC KY) died of fever three days before his sister Nancy E.
- (j) **Mary Susan Vance** (15 Mar 1836 GC KY - bef 1864 GC KY) married **Richard James Wade** (c1836 - aft 1880; son of **William Wade** and **Louisa Ann Woodward**) on 21 Aug 1857 at **John Vance's** house, and had seven children.
- (k) **Emmanuel Swedenbourg "E. S." Vance** (15 Dec 1838 GC KY - July 1903 Simpson Co. KY) married **Mary F. Bogan** and lived in Simpson Co. KY. They had five children.

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- (l) **James Crawford Vance** (15 Apr 1840 GC KY - 11 Jan 1928 Independence KS) married (1) **Mary Dortha Hall** (13 Mar 1845 Hart Co. KY - 13 Mar 1873 Hart Co.; daughter of **James A. William Hall** and **Tarrissa F. Vance**) on 22 Jun 1866, then (2) **Anna Marriah Bland** (1853 Marion Co. KY - 1924) on 30 Sep 1875 in Green Co. He had five children by his first wife, and two by his second wife.
- (m) **Lucian Titus Vance** (16 May 1842 GC KY - 1 May 1913 Hart Co. KY) married **Louisa J. Swigley** (23 Oct 1845 - 28 Mar 1917 Hart Co. KY) on 6 Dec 1860 in Green Co. Lucian served in the 13th Kentucky Infantry during the Civil War. He fathered two children.
- (n) **Emaline Ellen Vance** (1 Mar 1844 GC KY - 21 Sep 1845 GC KY).

7. **Mary "Polly" Vance** (7 Jun 1798 GC KY - 10 Aug 1880 GC KY; VFA #5257) married **John Marcum** (sometimes spelled Markham; 5 Feb 1797 VA - 18 May 1875 GC KY; VFA #5267) on 4 Feb 1814 in Green Co. Ky. John signed the marriage bond with his mark, and **William Vance** witnessed it. John was the son of **Barnett Marcum** (c1770 Bedford Co. VA - c1864 Boone Co. KY) and **Lucy E. Belcher** (b. bet. 1770 and 1775 per research of the late Ruth Marcum Line). John Marcum's will, dated 3 Aug 1869 and entered Dec. 1875 (GC WB 4:10-11), makes bequests to wife Mary, and to children "**Barnett Marcum, Fanny Dearen, Ruth V. Webb, William Marcum, Berry B. Marcum, Thomas B. Marcum, John R. Marcum, George W. Marcum, James H. Marcum, Daniel F. Marcum, Lucy J. Bland, Andrew B. Marcum and Lourainy Montgomery.**" In 1857 John Marcum sued neighbor **Catherine (Bibb) Wade** to partition land on which she lived, claiming two of her sons had agreed to sell him their interests in it. She was allowed to stay on the land until she died. Just days before his death, John Marcum gave a deposition in **James Bale's** suit against **Bartlett Caudel**. (GC CC #518). John age, 78, stated "I loaned Bartlett Caudel \$325 with 10% interest in September 1871. Caudel paid \$200 of it and **R. F. Craddock** and **A. E. Gooch** as securities paid the balance." John Marcum's estate held notes from a number of his relatives and neighbors, aggregating about \$2700. The notes of **J. C. Vance, L. T. Vance, R. J. Wade, D. F. Marcum** and **M. E. Lasley** were stated to be uncollectible. M. E. Lasley was appointed executor of John Marcum's will, but resigned (GC CC #1317). Following Mary Marcum's death in 1880, the children petitioned to divide the land. (GC CC #1314) Though John Marcum had expressly directed that daughter **Lourainy Montgomery** was to receive only \$10, eight of the siblings petitioned to give her a share of the proceeds of the sale of John's land. They had fifteen children, per Hester Garrett, John's will, census data, GC CC #1317 and *GC Marriages*:

- (a) **Barnett Marcum** (c1814 GC KY - Feb 1901) married **Lavinia Walker** on 4 Nov 1835 in Green Co. KY, and had seven children.
- (b) **Frances "Fannie" Marcum** (c1817 GC KY - aft 1870) married (1) **John E. Lasley** on 25 Jan 1848 in Green Co., then (2) sometime after 1860, when Fanny Lasley, seamstress, was listed in the census with her parents, married **W. G. Dearen** or **Dearing** (c1810 - aft 1870), wagon maker (probably the **William Dearen** who witnessed the will of **Tilmon Calhoun** on 30 May 1878 (GC WB 4:10) which states "**Fannie Dearen** gets 1 pr. silver tongs"
- (c) **William M. Marcum** (20 Jan 1820 GC KY - 18 Oct 1903) married (1) his cousin, **Margaret J. Hudson** (c1825 KY - 3 Oct 1853; daughter of **Pleasant Hudson** and **Margaret Vance**) on 23 Jan 1848, with **Drury Hudson** signing the bond, then (2) **Harriet McClure** (? Hart Co. -?) in 1857 and settled in Grayson Co., later moving to Hart Co. KY. He had two children by his first wife and eight by his second wife.
- (d) **Margaret T. Marcum** (7 Sep 1821 GC KY - 3 Aug 1858 GC KY) never married;
- (e) **Ruth V. Marcum** (c1822 GC KY - ?) married **Henry "Harry" S. Webb** on 7 Jul 1840 with the consent of her father, **John Marcum**;
- (f) **Benjamin Berry Marcum** (10 May 1823 GC KY - 17 May 1885 GC KY) married **Delilah Englehart** (21 Nov 1824 MO - 28 Feb 1887) on 12 Jan 1846. They had four or five children.
- (g) **John R. Marcum** (30 Jan 1827 GC KY - 16 Nov 1911 GC KY), carpenter, plasterer, shoemaker etc. married (1) **Nancy Light** with the consent of **John Light** on 8 Jun 1853; (2) **Jane Arnett** (1842 GC - ?); then (3) **Elizabeth Bell** (7 Mar 1833 - 7 Jan 1918). His father's will charged John R.'s estate with the monies John Sr. had spent defending him in lawsuits and raising two of Jr.'s seven children.



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- (h) **Lourainy** or **Lurana Marcum** (c1828 GC KY - aft 1870) married **James T. Montgomery** (1830 - ?), farmer, about 15 Nov 1849 (**James B. Moore** signed the bond). They had eight children.
- (i) **George W. Marcum** (2 Jan 1829 GC KY - ?), farmer, married his distant cousin, **Mary Jane Caven** (c1837 - ?; daughter of **Ruth Wooldridge** and **John David Caven**). They had ten children.
- (j) **Thomas B. Marcum** (25 Sep 1832 GC KY - 14 Mar 1883) may have married **Louisa Elizabeth Dewitt**;
- (k) **James H. Marcum** (28 May 1834 GC KY - 10 Mar 1920 GC KY) married **Elizabeth Catherine "Katie" Cochrane** (Feb 1851 IN - ?), possibly the "daughter Elizie Marcum" named in the 10 Mar 1898 will of **Venira Vanarsdall** (GC DB 4:211). They had eight children.
- (l) **Daniel Fletcher Marcum** (May 1835 GC KY - 18 Apr 1914) married **Sarah E. Bland** (Mar 1852 - 4 Dec 1929) on 23 Feb 1867 in Green Co. They had seven children.
- (m) **Lucy Jane Marcum** (9 Mar 1839 GC KY - ?) married (1) **Melvin Arnett** on 25 Jan 1858 at **John Marcum's**, then (3) **Thomas M. Bland**, farmer, on 21 Mar 1867. She had two children by her first husband, and five by her second husband.
- (n) **Mary T. Marcum** (11 Jan 1840 GC KY - 23 Apr 1856 GC KY) died single of "diseased lungs".
- (o) **Dr. Andrew "Andy" B. Marcum** (c1842 GC KY - 9 Jul 1912 Barren Co. KY) married **Martha A. "Mattie" Jameson** on 5 Aug 1869 in Green co. at R. Jameson's, and had two children.

8. **William Vance, Jr.** (27 Aug 1800 GC KY - aft 1870 and bef 1886; VFA #6606) married **Naomi Caven** (10 Jun 1804 VA - 3 Mar 1858 GC KY; daughter of **Thomas Caven**; VFA #6607) on 11 Dec 1824 in Green Co. He purchased 109 acres on Pitman Creek on 20 Oct 1836 (GC DB 16:511) then sold it to **Gibson Woodard** on 9 Sep 1843 (GC DB 19:120). Per *Green Co. Vitals*, Naomi, daughter of T. Caven, was 74 [must mean 54] when she died of "bilious colic" in 1858. On 19 May 1886, William's heirs, **William Thomas Vance** and wife **Mary**, **Mary Curle**, **Eliza Vance**, **Rachel Vance**, **Hilary Vance** and wife, **Nancy**, **Harriet Marcum** and husband **Alex Marcum**, **Coleman C. Vance** and wife **Nancy**, **Samuel B. Vance** and wife **Mattie**, **Fannie Vance**, **Richard F. Vance** and **Pauline Vance**" assigned 100 acres of land on the south side of Green river to **Alexander Vance** for \$700 "the same land our father, **William Vance** sold to **Alexander Vance** before his death and **William Vance** had not made a deed." William Jr. may be the William Vance who in 1834 became a shareholder in a company formed "for the purpose of purchasing a fine blooded [racing] stallion" which became the subject of *Belfield Henry vs. James T. Carter*, GC CC #6267 when **James T. Carter**, who owned a half interest in the stallion, Waxey, took him out of state and failed to account to his co-owners for stud fees and increased their expenses of sending mares for breeding. He was probably the plaintiff in *William Vance vs. Samuel Wooldridge and James Wooldridge*, GC CC #6246, filed 21 Oct 1844, seeking to recover on a judgement against Samuel Wooldridge for \$85.25 out of the proceeds of the estate of **Richard Wooldridge**. On 26 July 1860, **Thomas L. Caven** as Administrator for the estate of **Hannah W. Caven** sued William Vance "for \$232 for the rent of her part of the farm of the late **Thomas Caven** in this county in 1851 to and including the year 1859 at \$29 per year" (GC CC #9457). Issue per 1850, 1860 and 1870 Green Co. Census, and research of Barbara Wright and VFA member **Mike Vance**:

- (a) **Mary A. Vance** (c1827 GC KY - bef 1918) married **David R. Curl** or **Creel** on 29 Jun 1859 at **George W. Davis'** house, and had five children.
- (b) **Eliza J. Vance** (c1829 GC KY - bef 1918) probably died single.
- (c) **William Thomas Vance** (c1830 or 1 Jan 1832 GC KY - bef 1914) married **Mary Ann Perkins** (18 Nov 1831 - 6 Aug 1906), daughter of **Elam Perkins** and **Milly Milby** on 21 Mar 1852 at the home of Elam Perkins with **Jesse Perkins** and **James Milby** as witnesses. They had four children before separating, and were great grandparents of VFA member **Whitney Vance Nicholson**.
- (d) **James C. Vance** (c1832 GC KY - bef 1918) married \_\_\_\_ and had two children.
- (e) **John D. Vance** (c1834 GC KY - ?) was not named in the conveyance above, or GC CC #2601, and probably died young but after 1860 when he was listed in his father's household as 26, laborer;
- (f) **Hilary Milton Vance** (9 May 1835 GC KY - 11 Jan 1923) married **Nancy Thomas Mardis** (3 Mar 1846 -23 Apr 1898; daughter of **Nathaniel G. Mardis**, 1811 - 1894, and **Ailcey Mardis**, 1819 - ?) on 3 Jan 1868, and lived in Eve KY, where they raised twelve children.

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- (g) **Harriet E. Vance** (c1838 - bef 1918) married her cousin, **Valentine Alexander "Alex" Marcum** (c1842 - ?) on 3 Jul 1864 at **Barnett Marcum's**; first marriage for each. *GC CC #2601* states that she was deceased, leaving four children.
- (h) **Coleman C. Vance** (9 Sep 1842 - 20 Dec 1914 Hart Co. KY) married **Nancy V. Prewitt or Pruett** (11 Aug 1843 - 30 May 1911 Hart Co. KY) on 5 Nov 1863 in Green Co., and was shown living close to his father in the 1870 Green Co. census. **Mike Vance** notes that Nancy's year of birth per various census was 1841 or 2, and the birth year written on her tombstone may be in error. He writes "She was a horsewoman. . . My dad remembers an English saddle and riding clothes that had been his grandmother's in their house when he was young. My grandfather used to tell how his mother would ride in horseshows, and often, she would ride horseback to visit her family in the next county. When Coleman died, he left a farm to each of his three sons." They were great-grandparents of VFA member, Mike Vance.
- (i) **Samuel B. Vance** (c1846 - 1918) married **Martha E. "Mattie" Wilhelm** (c1852 - aft 1918) on 9 Sep 1879 but died without issue.
- (j) **Frances "Fanny" H. Vance** (c1844 - ?) married \_\_\_ **Vance**, and had three children.
- (k) **Alexander Scott Vance** (c1846 - bef 1895?) married **Louisa Caven** (c1850 - bef 1941; daughter of **John Caven** and Elizabeth \_\_\_; surname sometimes spelled Cavin) on 14 Jan 1868 at the home of John Caven. They had five children.
- (l) **Richard F. Vance** (c1848 - ?) married **Paulina Gum** and had two children.
- 9. **Nancy Ann Vance** (3 Jan 1803 GC KY - 20 Jan 1884 GC KY; VFA #5259) married **John "Jack" Reuben Milby** (c1800 Rockingham NC - 1835 GC KY; VFA #5268) on 17 Mar 1819 in Green County. Their children were:
  - (a) **Sarah Jane Milby** (c1821 - 1 Apr 1843) was bonded to marry her cousin, **James Henderson "Hen" Milby** (c1820 - 1880) on 8 Jan 1838 with the consent of **James Milby**, father of James, and **Nancy Milby** mother of "Sary Jane". They had three children, and Sarah may have died bearing the last of them.
  - (b) **Richard Milby** (1822 GC KY - 1888 GC KY) married **Louisa Noe** (c1822 - aft 1888) in 1843. They had eight children.
  - (c) **Charlotta Milby** (c1823 GC KY - ?) married **Daniel Wooldridge**, possibly a cousin, on 20 Feb 1840 in Green Co. They had five children.
  - (d) **William Beverly "Bill Belva" Milby** (c1823 GC KY - c1894) married his cousin **Nancy Milby** (c1822 GC KY - ?), daughter of **James Samuel Milby** and **Rhoda Benningfield**, in 1841. They had seven children.
  - (e) **John "John Finkle" Milby** (12 Aug 1825 GC KY - 2 Mar 1906 GC KY) married his cousin **Teresa Milby** (20 May 1826 GC KY - 4 Apr 1887 GC KY; daughter of **James "Jimmy" Samuel Milby** and **Rhoda "Ruby" Benningfield**). They had at least ten children.
  - (f) **Rachel Milby** (c1827 GC KY - 25 Dec 1882) married **Benjamin B. Marr** on 19 Oct 1846. They had six children, and were ancestors of **James E. Morgan, Jr.**
  - (g) **Alexander Milby** (19 Jun 1823 GC KY - 18 Jun 1917 GC KY) married (1) his cousin **Martha Ann Wilson** (10 Jun 1831 GC KY - 20 Oct 1870 GC KY), daughter of **Tarlton Wilson** and **Charlotte Vance**, then (2) his cousin **Rhoda Ellen Perkins** (30 Jan 1840 GC KY - 2 Jun 1923 GC KY), widow of **Robert B. Morris**. He had nine children by his first wife, and seven more by his second wife. Alexander and Martha Vance are ancestors of VFA member **Susan Henderson**.
  - (h) **Edward Milby** (? - 5 Jun 1859) married **Elizabeth P. Sydner** on 10 May 1857 at **John K. Thompson's**, with **Gordon Corum** and **Edward Sydner** as witnesses. He died in 1859 of consumption, leaving one child, and his widow remarried to **Charles Hodges**.
- 10. **Ruth Vance** (4 May 1805 GC KY - aft 1860; VFA #5260) married **Benjamin M. Hutcheson** or **Hutchasen** (1808 - aft 1860; VFA #7015) on 16 Nov 1843 in Green Co. They were shown without children in the 1850 census of Green Co. 38-year-old **Rachel Vance** was living with them that year. In 1860, Ruth

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Hutcheson, seamstress and 49-year-old Benjamin Hutcheson, no occupation, were listed without children in the household of gunsmith **Simon Settle**, 36, and his wife, **Mary**.

11. **Frances "Fanny" Vance** (22 Apr 1807 GC KY - c1850 GC KY; VFA #5261) became the second wife of **James B. Wilson** (19 Feb 1798 Burke Co. NC - bef 4 Sep 1862 GC KY; VFA #5269) son of **Jesse Wilson** and **Rachel Boone**, a great niece of **Col. Daniel Boone**, around 9 May 1827 when the bond issued. **William Vance** gave consent: "I do hereby testify that I have gave up for my daughter Fanny Vance to you in matrimony with James B. Wilson, both of the county of Greene and State of Kentucky and you **Mr. Barrett** the clerk of the above county may be justifiable in granting lisens for the said couple. Given under my hand this 9th day of May, 1827." The consent was witnessed by **John Vance** and **Alexander Hudson**. Per VFA member **Bonnie Rokas**, Fanny and James had three sons who died in infancy before 1850. It was once thought that Fanny was the mother of **Jesse Allen Wilson**, but family notes recently found in Indiana, confirmed by records a suit over James B. Wilson's estate, indicate that Jesse and his three siblings were James' children by an earlier wife named **Jane** \_\_\_\_\_.

12. **Rachel Vance** (27 Jul 1809 GC KY - aft 1870; VFA #5262) was living with her sister **Ruth (Vance) Hutcheson** and family in 1850. In the 1860 census a 49 year-old Rachel Vance, seamstress, was listed as living with **Beverly Marshall**, age 74 and **Elizabeth Marshall**, age 65. On 6 Sep 1862, Rachel Vance sued B. Marshall to collect on a note for \$300. (GC CC #10014). The dispute must have been settled, because 50 year-old [probably typo for 60] Rachel Vance was still living with the Marshalls at the time of the 1870 census. On 12 Nov 1869 Rachel filed suits against **John I. Penick** and **W. T. Barnett** to collect on notes given to her in 1864 and 1865. (GC CC #9812)

13. **Charlotte "Charlotty" Vance** (15 Mar 1811 GC KY - Mar 1889 GC KY; VFA #5263) was bonded to marry **Tarlton Wilson** (4 Sep 1811 Burke Co. NC - 1 Mar 1899 GC KY; VFA #5270) on 7 Sep 1830 in Green Co. **James B. Wilson**, Charlotte's brother-in-law, and Tarlton's oldest brother, signed the bond. Around 1859, Charlotte and Tarlton moved to the Owen Co./Monroe Co. Indiana border area where Tarlton's parents and most of his siblings, as well as other Wilson, **Coffey**, **Boone**, and **Allen** relatives from Burke and Wilkes Co. NC had settled in the 1820s and 1830s. Tarlton and Charlotte returned to Green Co in the 1880s. Tarlton's will, recorded 1 Apr 1899 in Green Co. (GC WB 4:219), left everything to his two surviving children, Lucy and Susan. Issue per 1850 GC Census and 1860 Monroe Co. IN census:

- (a) **Martha Ann Wilson** (10 Jun 1831 GC KY - 20 Oct 1870 GC KY) married her first cousin **Alexander Milby** (19 Jun 1829 GC KY - 18 Jun 1917 GC KY) on 17 Dec 1854. They are ancestors of VFA member **Susan Henderson**.
- (b) **William Wilson** (1835 GC KY - aft1862 Monroe co. IN) may have married his cousin, **Harriet Amanda Coffey** on 8 Oct 1863 in Monroe co IN, before dying young;
- (c) **Ruthy J. Wilson** (1836 GC KY - 14 Aug 1856 GC KY) died single, of "congestive chills";
- (d) **Margaret Wilson** (1838 GC KY- 31 Jan 1855 GC KY) died single, of "fever";
- (e) **Mary Wilson** (1840 GC KY - ?) was living with her parents in Ellettsville IN in 1860, but not in 1870;
- (f) **Elizabeth "Betty" Wilson** (1843 GC KY - aft 1880 IN) married her distant cousin, **Stephen Corder**, son of **Betsy Coffey** and **David Allen**. They raised seven children.
- (g) **Emma Wilson** (c1845 GC KY - ?) may be the Emma Wilson whose tombstone in Monroe Co. IN reads "30 Mar 1846 - 31 Oct 1872".
- (h) **Lucy Catherine Wilson** (1847 GC KY - 1901 KY) married (2) \_\_\_\_\_ in Indiana, then (2) on 23 Jul 1891 in GC KY, became the second wife of **William Henderson**, but had no children.
- (i) **Susan Alice Wilson** (c1851 GC KY - aft 1899) married **John Wilson**, possibly a cousin, in Indiana. She returned to Kentucky with her father and sister Lucy; we do not know why.

## EARLY VANCE MARRIAGES, ROCKBRIDGE COUNTY, VIRGINIA

by Delilah S. Foster

In the Rockbridge County Marriage Register No. 1, 1778-1865, there is a long list in the back of the book, pages 567-569, of couples for whom marriage bonds or licenses are known to have been issued during the years 1778-1790, but for whom there is no other evidence, such as a minister's return, that the marriages actually occurred. This disclaimer appears at the beginning of the list:

Note: This is only a list of marriage licenses and not a record of an actual marriage. Just about all of the people listed either did not get married or were not married in Rockbridge Co., VA. These are only given as a means of obtaining information on earlier residents of Rockbridge Co.

Whether or not all of the couples married, an examination of the marriage bonds themselves does provide information concerning some VANCE relationships. Typically, a bond of fifty pounds (\$150, after the Revolution), was posted by the prospective groom and one other party, and the bond was signed by both of them. *Sometimes a written statement of consent from a parent or guardian was included if one of the parties to the marriage was below the age of twenty-one.* Data from the four **VANCE marriage bonds** listed in this section are as follows:

### 26 Jan 1784 - William Cotter and Catherine VANCE

Bond posted by William Cotter and Patrick VANCE

There was no minister's return.

Comments: When this bond was copied into the Marriage Register the date was mistakenly written as 24 Jan 1784.

There is no doubt that this couple did marry. They moved to Union District, SC, soon afterwards. A deed in that county in 1786 names Catherine as William Cotter's wife, and William Cotter's will, proved in 1816, names his "beloved wife Catherine."

According to the family story, Catherine VANCE's father disapproved of her marriage to William Cotter, but she was encouraged in it by her uncle! Her father supposedly forgave her after the birth of her first son, whom she named John VANCE Cotter. For this reason, it has been assumed that the father of Catherine VANCE may have been named **John VANCE**, and it is possible that **Patrick VANCE** was the uncle of Catherine.

### 9 March 1784 - Moses Buntain and Mary VANCE

Bond posted by Moses Buntain and Samuel Lusk.

**Mary VANCE** is identified as "*Daughter of John VANCE of this Parish.*"

There was no minister's return.

Consent form from **John VANCE**, dated 6 Mar 1784, giving permission for his daughter Mary to marry Moses Buntain. The form was witnessed by John McHinney and **Agnes VANCE**.

Comment: Other documents in Rockbridge Co. in ensuing years which name Mary as the wife of Moses Buntain indicate that this couple, too, did indeed marry.

### 16 Feb 1785 - Alexander Buntain and Agnes VANCE

Bond posted by Alexander Buntain and Moses Buntain.

**Agnes** is identified as "*daughter of Jno. VANCE of this County*".

There was no minister's return.

Consent form from **John VANCE**, dated 15 Feb 1785, giving permission for his daughter Agnes to marry Alexander Buntain. The form was witnessed by John Lackland and Mary Buntain.

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Comment: Agnes and Mary VANCE were probably sisters, with each one serving as a witness on the consent form for the other.

**9 Dec 1793 - Henry Spitzer and Catherine VANCE**

Bond posted by Henry Spitzer, Jacob Dederick, and Michael Wilhelm.  
No minister's return.

Comment: This was **not** the same Catherine VANCE who married William Cotter. By this time, the Cotters had been settled for several years in Union County, SC.

Besides the foregoing probable marriages, three VANCE marriages were listed in the main body of the Rockbridge Co., Marriage Register No.1:

**11 Nov 1790 - William Davidson and Elizabeth VANCE.**

Bond posted by William Davidson and John Davidson.  
Elizabeth is named as the *daughter of Sam'l VANCE of Rockbridge Co.*

Sam'l VANCE gives consent, in a note also dated 11 Nov 1790, for the marriage license to be issued, witnessed by David VANCE and John Stephens.

Comment: Elizabeth VANCE Davidson was widowed. On 22 Sept 1795 she was married to Henry McKey (or Mackey).

**2 Sept 1799 - Samuel C. Evans and Margaret VANCE.**

Bond posted by Samuel C. Evans and David VANCE.  
Margaret identified as the *daughter of Sam'l VANCE of Rockbridge Co.*

Consent form from David VANCE, *brother of Margaret*, attesting to the fact that she was above the age of twenty-one and that the intended marriage was with the consent of Margaret's parents, dated 2 Sept 1799.

**15 Aug 1803 - Hugh VANCE and Sarah Law.**

Bond posted by Hugh VANCE and Henry Law.  
Sarah Law identified as daughter of Henry Law of Rockbridge Co.

Comment: This Hugh VANCE was *probably the son of Patrick VANCE* who died in Rockbridge Co. early in 1791 leaving a widow, Mary. In Dec. 1791, an "orphan of Patrick VANCE," came into Court and chose Mary VANCE as his guardian.

These records of marriages from the Rockbridge Marriage Register No. 1, occurring 1784-1799, show that a John VANCE, *of that county*, was the father of Mary VANCE and Agnes VANCE. They also show that Samuel VANCE, *of Rockbridge Co.*, was the father of Elizabeth VANCE, Margaret VANCE, and David VANCE. Presumably, John Vance and Samuel Vance were of the same generation. Of interest is the fact that the records of Rockingham Co., VA (which lies just north of Augusta Co., whereas Rockbridge Co. is just south of Augusta Co.) show that both a John VANCE and a Samuel VANCE owned property in that county in 1774, and both were located on the Jackson River. An article on these two appeared in the VFA Newsletter, October 1995, pg 118/9. They definitely are not the same as the John and Samuel in Rockbridge County. Is there any known relationship between these four Vances, or is it merely a coincidence of names?

N.B. Virginia Lovett found in A History of Shenandoah County by Wayland, pt. 645: "Moses A. Spitzer, son of Henry Spitzer and Catherine Wentz of Shenandoah, was a member of the Donner party, and with others of the group died of starvation at Donner Lake on the crest of the California Sierras in the winter of 1846-1847... The Spitzers came from Lancaster County PA to Shenandoah." Notice the men who posted bond for this marriage of Catherine Vance(Wentz?) in Rockbridge County did not have a Scotch/Irish name. *Her name probably was Wentz. There was no minister's return in Rockbridge Co. VA.*

## SOME EARLY VANCE RECORDS: ROCKBRIDGE COUNTY, VIRGINIA

by Delilah Stokes Foster

Rockbridge County, VA, home of the celebrated Natural Bridge for which it is named, is located in the extreme western end of the state. It was formed in 1778 from Augusta and Botetourt Counties. Augusta Co. had been formed in 1738, and Botetourt in 1770. The main route of travel in Rockbridge Co. was the old "Indian Trail" which led southward from Winchester, VA, and through what is the present day county seat of Lexington. More than 200 years later, this is still the main artery for travel, only it is now called Interstate 81, having replaced the old U.S. Highway 11.

However, before Rockbridge County there was Borden's Grant, and it is there that we find the first record of a Vance in this area. A **Thomas Vance** was a settler of Borden's Grant. Other Vances of record after the establishment of Rockbridge County included the names of **Samuel Vance**, **John Vance**, **Patrick Vance**, and **Hugh Vance**.

In 1739, Benjamin Borden, a native of New Jersey and an agent for Lord Fairfax in Virginia, was given a grant of 92,100 acres located on the west side of the Blue Ridge (Mountains) in the county of Augusta. By far the largest part of the grant was on land which now lies in Rockbridge County. A condition of the grant, which was first applied for in 1735, was that 100 families must be placed on the land within two years. Due to insufficient response, the time had to be extended for another two years. Because of the extension, and *aided by extensive advertising in Europe*, enough families were found and the patent was granted. Each settler who built a cabin was given 100 acres and was allowed to buy more land at a minimum price. Many of these settlers were probably the progenitors of their families in America.

Although not among the original 100, **Thomas Vance** was one of the settlers of Borden's grant. He acquired, in 1765, one of the larger portions, consisting of 800 acres on the North River (now called Maury R.) about 6 mi. NE of present-day Lexington. Other settlers within a radius of about 4 miles included John **Buntin** (225 a., 1750), John **Davidson** (353½ a., 1751), Wm. **Lusk** (with Wm. Armstrong, 200 a., 1765), John **McKay** (390 a., 1747, adjacent to Thomas Vance), James **McKee** (310 a., 1758), Jno. **McKee** (150 a., 1768), and Jos. (or Jas.) **McKee** (301 a., 1766). About 10 miles away, just across what is now the Rockbridge/Augusta county line, there were settlements by James **Lusk** (170 a., 1749), John **Lusk** (259 a., 1768), and Robert **Lusk** (241 a., 1768). In the years to come the **Buntin (Buntain)**, **Davidson**, **Lusk**, **McKay (McKee)**, and **McKee (McKay or Mackey)** families were often associated with the Vance family in various real estate dealings and marriages.

The Rockbridge County, VA, Order Book, 1778-1784, contains two references to Thomas Vance and at least five to Patrick Vance. At a Court held 5 May 1778 **Thomas Vance** was appointed road surveyor, and **Doctor Patrick Vance** was appointed to serve on a Grand Jury. The next mention of Thomas Vance was at the Court held 6 September 1780 when he "*was brought into Court charged on suspicion of declaring himself a Tory. Publishing false news and speaking words to terrify the people . . .*" He was released on recognizance after bond was posted by William Lyle and Robert McKinley, who each put up the sum of ten thousand pounds.

In the following year, a Deed dated and recorded 5 Oct 1779 shows that **Thomas Vance** sold 200 acres of his plantation to Robert McCasney. Records do not show the disposition of his other 600 acres. **Thomas Vance** does not appear in the 1787 Tax List for Rockbridge County, VA. However, a **Thomas Vance** does appear in the 1790 Census, Union County, SC, so it is possible that the two are the same.

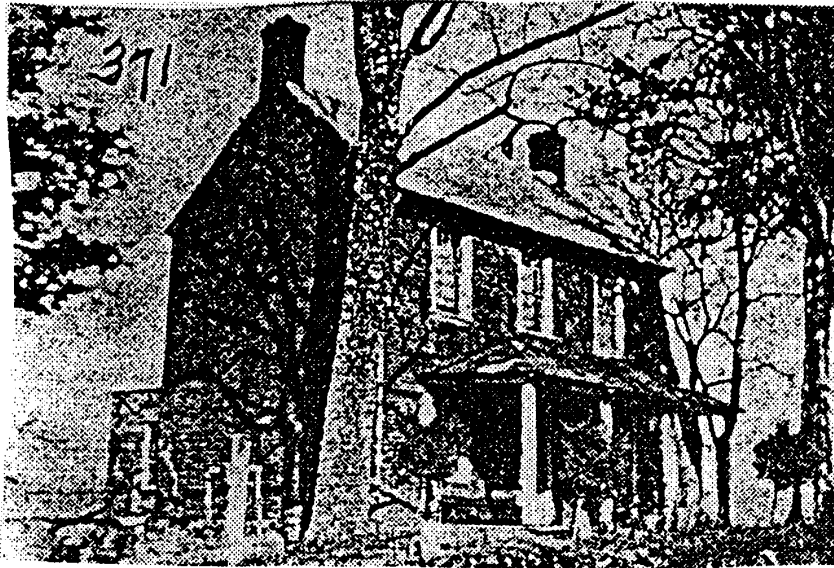
On 7 May 1782 **Patrick Vance** was allowed 120 pounds for his service of 12 days collecting beef and clothing from the 7th District. He was also ordered on that day to pay 50 pounds tobacco to **William McKee** for appearing for 2 days as a witness for him in a pending case of Trespass, Assault & Battery. The case was decided on 6 March 1783 in favor of the Plaintiff, **Patrick Vance**.

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A Deed dated 5 May 1778, and finally recorded 7 July 1778, shows that **Patrick Vance** purchased from Hannah and Andrew McKinley, 226 acres on Whistle Creek, a branch of the James River. It was on this property that the historic "Thomas J. Wilson" house was located, Wilson being the first owner of record. **Patrick Vance, and his wife Mary**, then sold this property to **Robert McKee**, the Deed being dated 8 Nov 1786 and recorded 6 Feb 1787. Whistle Creek is located just a few miles from the area where **Thomas VANCE** was living from 1765 to at least 1779.

The last mention of Patrick Vance appears in the Rockbridge County Order Book, 1787-1794. At a Court held 5 April 1791, **Mary Vance, widow of Patrick Vance**, successfully petitioned to be named administrator of his estate. Then, on 6 Dec 1791, **Hugh Vance, "Orphan of Patrick Vance,"** came into Court and chose **Mary Vance** as his guardian.

Home of Dr. Patrick Vance 1778-1786



Kathy DiLoreto, 1077 Fiddlers Road, Chambersburg, PA 17201 found the following records of Patrick Vance.

Lexington, VA., Presbyterian Church Register:

1779 No. 12 Patrick Vance 5<sup>th</sup> male 19<sup>th</sup> certificate, born in Ireland  
No. 13 Mary Vance 8<sup>th</sup> female 11<sup>th</sup> certificate, born in Ireland  
(wife of #12)

"Names 1-203 are members of Lexington and New Monmouth Congregation who live in and around Lexington".

Rockbridge County Courthouse (Lexington) Land Book.

|               |           |            |                                     |
|---------------|-----------|------------|-------------------------------------|
| Patrick Vance | 220 acres | \$40 value | Years listed: 1782, 83, 85, 87, 88. |
| Patrick Vance | 1 lot     |            | 1790                                |
| Heirs of      |           |            |                                     |
| Patrick Vance | 1 lot     |            | 1792-1811                           |

**Old Letter Gives Glimpse of Life 110 Years Ago**

Source: Washington County Virginia News, Abingdon, VA, 1995. Research of Mary Virginia Herrin.

"A 110 years old letter which discusses events that occurred more than 150 years ago, and which has not surfaced to public view, may be of interest to descendants of several Southwest Virginia families. In his May 30, 1885 missive to Joseph Looney, of what was then Tazewell County, now Buchanan County, Thos. C. Johnson mentions the Matneys, Easteps, Hortons, Vances and a Stiltner. It also mentions an armed trip to Pikeville, KY., an election, a drunken mob, a knifing victim, a killing and a resultant hanging.

"The original letter, in unbelievable good condition, is a treasured possession of Mr. and Mrs. Carson Hobson. Joseph Looney was Mr. Hobson's great-grandfather. The Johnson letter, written from Abingdon, speaks of a return from Pikeville to Abingdon some five years following the original trip. The letter is dated May 30, 1885:

"Dr (dear) sir, an old acquaintance writes this letter. On the morning of the 1st Day of April, 1842, you traveled with me, from your home, down to Mouth of State, to the election. You carried my Double Barrel gun. I went on, - that night I staid at Easteps - I think that was the name. In the night a drunken crowd came on down - one of them cut all to pieces about the face with a knife. Also that night, or about night, came the School master Daniel Matney. He went on with me the next day to Pikeville - we got there after midnight. I believe I say you and I returned up Sandy, and back to Abingdon, in October 1847. I would like to hear from you. If only you can take the trouble to write truly. - Besides, I will tell you that I am getting up all the history of Southwest Virginia that I can. What you told me in regard to old Abner Vance, that they hung him for killing Lewis Horton. I haven't forgotten. I should like to know all about the manner in which the Hortons had treated Vance - - and how he desired to kill John? - - and also how Lewis (unreadable) had acted. Tell Matney to write me a letter on all these subjects - - and others - -But besides I should like to hear from you. The old man Stiltner says he will hand you this letter in person. I should like once more to come to Sandy. I am your old friend, truly.

Thos. C. Johnston

P.S. The "C" in my name is for Colley - Thos. Colley Johnston. Old Dick was half brother to my grandfather, who was Thomas Colley, the old Baptist preacher. I was named for him. TCJ

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- Vance/Taylor Family
- Vance/McCullough Family

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Dear Kathleen,

In VFA Vol XII #2 April 1996 page 50: The will of Hugh Taylor of Cumberland Co. PA 1781 gives land to Sarah & Elizabeth Vance. Why would Hugh Taylor give land to someone who was dead?

VFA Vol X #3 July 1994 pg 93: Sarah Taylor Vance died Aug. 10, 1777. Elizabeth Houston & Patrick Vance's first child was born in 1779, so it is unlikely that Sarah Taylor Vance death date is in error.

Sarah Taylor & Patrick Vance did have daughters: Jane, Sarah, & Elizabeth. Jane Vance died 1778 before Hugh Taylor wrote his will. I believe that Hugh Taylor's will could read "to sister's (Sarah) daughter(s) Sarah & Elizabeth Vance". Would Hugh Taylor give land to minors? Patrick and Sarah Taylor Vance daughters were minors in 1781; they also had sons. I have no reason for the sons being excluded from Hugh's will. Nor does this address the land that John Vance Jr. sold in Westmoreland Co. PA, or his mother Elizabeth's maiden name.

VFA Vol XII #4 Oct 1996 pg 130 states "Dec. 9 1784 will of John Vance, husband of Elizabeth, was probated in Cumberland Co." I believe that this is a reference to John Vance of Guilford Twp. Franklin Co. PA. Franklin Co. was a newly formed county in 1784 from Cumberland Co. Vol A Franklin Co. PA Orphan Court Records pg 4, has Dec. 9, 1784 letters of administration granted to Elizabeth Vance & Matthew Wilson. This and later entries indicate that the John Vance of Guilford Twp. died intestate.

Vol 1 Kittochtinny Historical Society's Archives, Franklin Co. PA Orphan Court Records Docket A pg. 48; Sept, 1793 has a "Petition of JOHN VANCE eldest son of JOHN VANCE, late of Guilford Twp. dec'd states that JOHN VANCE the father of said petitioner lately died intestate leaving issue besides the petitioner 2 children: REBECCA VANCE and MARY VANCE since married to GEO McCULLOH and also a widow ELIZABETH VANCE, the petitioners's mother".

I believe the connection of John Vance named in the will of George McCullough of Lancaster Co. to the John Vance of Franklin Co. was based on the following: 1) John Vance named his son George and daughter Isabella. 2) Thomas Grubb McCulloh & son George Vance were executors of John Vance Jr. Guilford Twp. will of 1834.

Thomas G. McCulloh (1785-1848) was the oldest son of Prudence Grubb & Robert McCullough (d. 1824 of Antrim Twp. Franklin Co.) and the grandson of George McCullough (d. 1807 of Little Britian Twp. Lancaster Co. PA). Family History Library #382820 has an abstract of the will of George McCullough of Little Britian (d. 1807) with Jno. Vance as son-in-law and a daughter Margaret. I don't have a copy of the original will, the abstract has note "controversy over will not probated". But this leaves us with Mary Vance married to Geo. McCulloh BFR 1793; and a John Vance married to Margaret daughter of George McCullough not Robert. Did Mary and brother John marry siblings or cousins? Does someone have the legatees of the 1807 will, it must have been probated sometime.

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| 121 | 1779            | John Vance                                                                                                                                                                                        | 50ac 2h, 2c,                                                                                        |
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| 306 | 1780            | John Vance                                                                                                                                                                                        | 150ac 2h, 1c,                                                                                       |
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| 419 | 1781            | John Vance                                                                                                                                                                                        | 160ac 3h, 4c,                                                                                       |
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| 610 | 1782            | John Vance                                                                                                                                                                                        | 160ac 3h, 2c,                                                                                       |
|     |                 | Nicholas Vance                                                                                                                                                                                    | 140ac 4h, 4c,                                                                                       |
| 798 | 1783            | John Vance                                                                                                                                                                                        | 100ac <u>4 inhabitants</u>                                                                          |
| 797 |                 | Nicholas Vance                                                                                                                                                                                    | 140ac <u>7 inhabitants</u>                                                                          |
| 798 |                 | Peter Vance                                                                                                                                                                                       | <u>1 inhabitant</u>                                                                                 |
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|     | 1784            | Dec. 3 Grace Vance Hannah petition mentions 250\150 acres<br>(VFA Vol X #3 pg 90 July 1994)                                                                                                       |                                                                                                     |
|     | 1790            | Census John Vance 2 males 16+, 2 females<br>Petter Vance 1 male 16+, 2 females<br>Jacob Vance 1 male 16+                                                                                          |                                                                                                     |
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|     | 1800            | Census John Vantz 1m-10, 1m-45; 1f-10, 1f-45<br>Nickolas Vantz 1m-45, 1m45+; 1f-10, 1f-16, 1f-26, 1f45+<br>(Peter Vance 1800 is in Monaghan, York Co. with<br>2m-10, 1m-45; 2f-10, 1f-16, 1f-45.) |                                                                                                     |
|     | 1807            | (Peter Vance named admin. for Nicholas Vance, Adams Co.<br>Orphans Court Record V. A-C 1800-1827)                                                                                                 |                                                                                                     |
|     |                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                                                                                                     |
| 315 | HOPEWELL Twp.   |                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                                                                                                     |
|     | 1780            | Wm Vance                                                                                                                                                                                          | 100ac 1h, 1c,                                                                                       |
|     |                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                                                                                                     |
| 627 | CUMBERLAND Twp. |                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                                                                                                     |
|     | 1782            | Vance, _____                                                                                                                                                                                      | Samuel Getties 500ac 8h, 7c, d/o<br>in trust for Vance heirs.(Adam Vance heirs pg 90 July 1994 VFA) |
|     |                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                                                                                                     |
| 748 | HUNTINGDON Twp. |                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                                                                                                     |
|     | 1783            | <u>Adam Vance 1 inhabitant.</u>                                                                                                                                                                   |                                                                                                     |
|     |                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                                                                                                     |
| 409 | MENALLEN Twp.   |                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                                                                                                     |
|     | 1781            | John Vance                                                                                                                                                                                        | 100ac 2h,                                                                                           |
| 513 | 1782            | John Vance                                                                                                                                                                                        | 100ac 1h,                                                                                           |
| 759 | 1783            | John Vance                                                                                                                                                                                        | 160ac <u>2 inhabitants</u>                                                                          |
|     |                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                                                                                                     |
| 67  | MT JOY Twp.     |                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                                                                                                     |
|     | 1779            | Urban Vance                                                                                                                                                                                       | 100ac 1h, 1c,                                                                                       |
| 239 | 1780            | Urban Vance                                                                                                                                                                                       | 150ac 2h, 2c,                                                                                       |
| 338 | 1781            | Orbin Vaunce                                                                                                                                                                                      | 150ac 2h, 1c,                                                                                       |
| 556 | 1782            | Orbin Vance                                                                                                                                                                                       | 150ac 2h, 2c,                                                                                       |
| 809 | 1783            | <u>Alvin Vance (150ac) 4 males, 4 females.</u>                                                                                                                                                    |                                                                                                     |
|     |                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                                                                                                     |
|     | 1790            | Census Oraban Vance 3 males 16+, 3 females                                                                                                                                                        |                                                                                                     |
|     |                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                                                                                                     |
|     | 1800            | Census Orbin Vantz 1m-26, 1m45+, 1f-26, 1f45+                                                                                                                                                     |                                                                                                     |

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JOHN VANCE of CUMBERLAND CO. PA  
from the  
HISTORY OF THE FIRST UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF NEWVILLE,  
formerly  
The Seceder Church, The Associate Reformed Church &  
The United Presbyterian Church of Big Spring  
1764-1977 Compiled by Georgia P. Rife 1980

Location of church Big Spring Ave, Newville, PA. Congregation originally drawn from area along Condedogwinet Creek and up the Big Spring, while another part bordered upon the Yellow Breeches Creek. The middle section "barrens" as then called were unsettled because of lack of water.

pg 31 The Irish rebellion of 1798 gave several valuable families to the church, most of whom left the Old Country without the knowledge or consent of the British government. Among these were William Gracey, Joseph McKee and JOHN VANCE who died in 1849 aged 76 yrs and whose family has all gone west.

PEW RENTS PAID IN STONE CHURCH

(No date for list is given in text. Text also states "Other names found in a later pew rent list included years 1825-1831." Stone church built 1795, replaced in 1826 by brick church.)

Twenty-one pews listed:

Pew #9 Jas. Irwin-1/4 pew  
JOHN VANCE-1/4 pew  
John McCarty-1/8 pew  
John Bolton-1/8 pew.

AN EXAMPLE OF EARLY CHURCH DISCIPLINE

pg. 114 Session Meeting 1827 "It was also rumored "with strong presumption of truth" that JOHN VANCE and Richard Patton were "guilty of drinking ardent spirits intemperately." Session did not have the opportunity to converse with them - it was advised that they be disbarred from "sealing ordinances" until session could interrogate them.

So, through rumor, we meet the most colorful character in this era of our church's history - JOHN VANCE. Throughout the minutes of the session he is complemented as a hard worker and likeable person with one weakness-liquor. He cannot seem to moderate his labor or drink- So we find him at odds with session in 1828 over a most grievous issue, being intoxicated "on the day the large timbers of the church were raised."

On MAY 1, 1828, a libel was preferred against JOHN VANCE "fama clauosa" for the sin and scandal of intoxication and he was cited to appear before session. When asked how he would plead, he answered "not guilty". He therefore signified his readiness for trial. The session then proceeded to the investigation of "the cause".

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William Sharp appeared as a witness and after being duly sworn, testified that VANCE was "the worse of liquor but not beastly drunk that day." He also testified that he had not seen VANCE drunk at any other time, nor use any improper language.

No other witness appeared, so session decided the trial should be postponed until May 15th and the absent witnesses be again summoned to appear.

On May 15, 1828 the trial of VANCE continued with the former minutes read. Session then advised VANCE that he could question the witnesses if he wished.

Colonel James McKeehan testified he had see VANCE drunk one time while working out in his field "I first watched VANCE dropping some grain while I was shucking and examining the shearers. I then told him to quit the work."

John McCullough, son of James, testified that VANCE was "trifling and quarrelsome" the day the large timbers of the church were raised. VANCE asked McCullough if he seemed incapable of doing his working duty due to the drinking, and McCullough admitted there did not seem to be any deficiency.

William Thompson testified VANCE was drunk at the time of Mr. Wickes' funeral and on coming home from working in Mr. McKeehan's field.

Thomas Linsey testified that he did not "take much notice of people that day as respects drinking" (day of church raising) but he did notice VANCE's drunkenness the evening of Wickes' funeral. Linsey even advised William Crawford to take VANCE home.

John McCandlish testified that VANCE was drunk that day (church raising) but it could have been caused by "excessive heat, hard labor, and frequent want of water. There was not a better hand there than Mr. VANCE."

No other witnesses appeared and VANCE refused a continuance of the trial in order to produce relating testimony, and also refused to testify himself. After "pondering the libel, duly considering the remarks of Mr. VANCE and weighing the testimony," the session resolved unanimously that VANCE was guilty. "And whereas the accused has aggravated his offense by long and obstinate denial of the same and has not manifested condition, he is sentenced to a public rebuke and is excluded from the sacramental ordinances until he show signs of penitence."

On September 20, 1828, the session agreed to further consideration of the case of JOHN VANCE upon his application and request. VANCE wanted satisfaction and the ability to present some favorable witnesses.

(Sept. 20 before Sept 15, 1828 in text)

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William Crawford testified that VANCE was not drunk on the eve of Mr. Wickes' funeral.

Samuel Galbraith and Jacob Myers testified to VANCE's soberness as a field worker. They claimed he only took one draw of liquor and sober even when provoked into a skirmish by a colored man who used foul language and threatened to "waylay him", and in fact did and hurt VANCE's hand.

William Thompson testified that VANCE was drunk the day Joseph McKibbin's house was raised. "He fell going home and had to be helped out of some mud holes."

On September 15, 1828, when the trial was continued, John McCullough, son of William, was called and asked if he had seen Mr. VANCE the day Mr. McKibbin's house was raised. He said VANCE was intoxicated and not able "to manage his body so that he fell several times." VANCE then questioned McCullough about how freely liquor went around that day and forced McCullough to admit his responsibility of being the person who "doled out the draws of whiskey." McCullough also had to admit that the roads were wet and muddy and these conditions could have caused some of VANCE's falls.

John McKibbin was called and asked if he had seen VANCE intoxicated the day of his house raising. He testified that VANCE did not seem intoxicated.

The last witness called was Jefferson Boles who testified that VANCE "felt liquor" but was not staggering. He also said VANCE fell on the way home but that he was able to help himself up.

Unfortunately the church's account of the "JOHN VANCE affair" ends abruptly here. We never find out what happened and can only hope that VANCE was given a lighter sentence.

But this entire episode proves that our forefathers lived by the letter of the law and expected others to do likewise. JOHN VANCE had quite a few contributing episodes of intoxication besides the one for which he was brought to trial. JOHN VANCE is buried in The Upper Cemetery in Newville in the row of graves moved from the Graveyard of the United Presbyterian in 1922.

"Tomb stone inscriptions taken from J. Zeamer's notes, some stones now located in the Newville Cemetery"

Jane VANCE, consort of John Vance, born 1781

Died November 9, 1837 in her 56th year.

John VANCE, born 1765. Died January 16 1841.

John VANCE, born 1773, Died June 16 1849 in his 76th yr.

submitted by:  
Dorothy Vance Olmsted

**Pennsylvania Archives, Third Series**  
**Research of Robert Vance Seeberger**

Volume I Board of Property Lands in Pennsylvania

Pg. 96. The 19th day. Garret Dushane & John Vance attending, the Prop'rs was pleased to view the draught made by Thomas Nixon of the Lands in Dispute between them and also to hear their Allegations touching the same, whereupon he was pleased to Order that the Southwest line of the tract called Holt, the Northeast line of the tract called Roll's Sepulchre and the Head line of the Land called Lackfords Hall as they either joyn or interfere with each other, should from the several original Surveys be laid down with more certainty, and that the 26 Acres of vacant Land requested by Dushane and Surveyed by T. Noxon for Vance shall lye in suspence for the Present, that where the head line of Lackford Hall interferes with the Land of G. Dushane which he claims is part of Holt, the Pro'r declines meddling with it till a Suit now depending in N:Castle Court between Vance and Dushane shall be ended, tho' he is of Opinion that the lines according to the Patent of Lackford Hall should be supported and maintained. (Approximate date, 1730's. VL)

Volume II Board of Property, Minutes

Pg. 8. On hearing the Parties it appears that the Land in contest was recovered by Neely in an Action tried in the Court of Common Pleas in the Year, 1781, and is included in a Survey of 204 Acres made by Benjamin Lodge on a Warrant dated in the year, 1787 to Neely, and after the Resurvey a Bond was given to the said Executor of said Marshall for the value of the Land by Newell and Vance, which said Newell has sold the same to Joseph Marshall, Therefore Ordered that a Patent shall issue to Neely.

Pg. 199. Caveat Book No. 1 17th September, 1753 Thomas Collins enters a caveat against a Survey made or to be made to Edmund Liston, John Vans & Thomas Lewis or any of them of any part of Cedar Swamp, in Appoquinmink Hundred, New Castle County, and prays that a Patent may not issue to them nor any other Person for the same, and 25 of October next, is appointed for an hearing at New Castle, where all the Parties are desired to give their Attendance. (To Nicholas Scull, Surveyor General.) Richard Peters

Pg. 259. Caveat Book No. 2 Philad'a, May 7th, 1762 John Knowles enters a Caveat against Roger Pugh, John vance or any other Person or Persons obtaining any warrant or Order for any Cedar Swamp situate between Duck' Creek and Black bird Creek, in Thoroughfare Neck, in the County of Newcastle, or against any Survey being made, or the Acceptance of any Survey that may be made there in pursuance of any warrants already granted to the said Roger Pugh, John Vance or any other Person. By Order of the Secretary, Richard Tea. To John Lukens, Surveyor General.

Pg. 371. Caveat Book No. 3 Land Office, 1st December, 1766 William Vance enters a caveat against the accep tance of a Survey by Warrant dated 1st day of June, 1762 to Andrew Finley for 100 a. Of Land in Shrewsbury Township, York County alledging the said Survey includes s'd Vances Improvement. David Kennedy for James Tilghman, Sec'ry.  
To John Lukens, S.G.

Volume XXII Returns of Taxables 1781

Pg. 772. Twp.? Vance, John, 200 Acres; 2 Horses; 4 cattle; 2 Sheep; 160 Value. Vance, Isaac, 200 Acres, 2 horses; 4 cattle; 2 sheep; 96 Value. Wilson, William, 1 horse; 1 cow; 8 Value. McCoullagh, John, 1 horse; 1 cow; 8 Value.  
Smith Township: McConnel, William, 280 Acres; 2 horses; 3 cows; 3 sheep; 138 Value.

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McCoulugh, Alexander, 200 Acres; 2 horses; 2 cows; 52 value. Patterson, William, 200 Acres, 1 horse; 2 cows; 53 value. Vance, Joseph, 377 Acres; 3 horses; 6 cows; 1 sheep; 145 value. Vance, William, 400 Acres; 1 horse; 3 cows; 5 sheep; 130 value. Willson, Uriah, 150 Acres; 2 horses; 3 cows; 1 sheep; 74 value. Willson, Joseph, 150 Acres; 2 horses; 3 cows; 5 sheep, 75 value, Willson, David, 200 Acres; 3 horses; 4 cows; 5 sheep 124 value. Willson, John, 1 horse; 1 cow; 12 value.

Volume XXIII. Rangers on the Frontier 1778-1783

Pg. 198 James McClelland Of Cumb'd Co; Washington County. Robert Agnew, James Parks; Charles Porter, Robinson's Co.; Shrauder's Rangers: Jn'o McAuley, Peter McCoy.

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Pg. 204. James Parks; Wm. Blackburn; Jn'o Gullom; John McCulloch; Thomas Armstrong.

Pg. 206. John Vaunce; James Agnew; John Wilson; Geo. Snap.

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Pg. 217. Henry Taylor; Samuel Taylor; Robert Hewston; James Craven, Capt.

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Pg. 220. Northumberland County. John Gamble; James McGlaughlin; Col. Wm. Crawford; Zach. Connell; Col. Wm. Harrison.

Pg. 221. Westmoreland County. James Wood; Dr. Jno. McKnight; Jn'o McClelland; Wm. Cawford.

Pg. 312. Major David Vance; John McClelland's Co. Capt. John McClelland; Samuel Wilson; John Buchannan; Joseph Agnew; George Vance's Company - Capt. George Vance, Joseph Huston; Patrick Linn; Robert McKee's company - Capt. Robert McKee; Sgt. Samuel McKee.

Volume XXVI. Warrantees of Land, County of washington 1784-1892

Pg. 544-45. Wm. Campbell Jr. 229 Acres Sept 13, 1785; James Campbell 70 Acres Sept 13, 1785; John Campbell 200 Acres Sept 13, 1785; Wm. Campbell 350 Acres Feb. 23, 1785.

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Pg. 548. Parker Campbell 400 Acres Jan 26, 1797.

Pg. 591. Wm McClure 6 Acres Nov 20, 1855.

Pg. 594-5. Joseph Patterson 400 Acres Oct. 13, 1784; Anne Patterson 400 Acres Oct. 13, 1784; John Patterson 400 Acres Oct. 21, 1784; Col. Andrew Porter 300 Acres Dec 23, 1784; Andrew Porter Jr. 300 Acres Dec 23, 1784; Stephen Porter 200 Acres Dec 23, 1784; John Porter 250 Acres Dec 23, 1784; Wm. Porter 300 Acres Dec. 23, 1784; Joseph Patterson 400 Acres June 20, 1785; Wm. Patterson 400 Acres June 20, 1785; James Patterson 200 Acres April 18, 1786; Mary Patterson 250 Acres Feb 28, 1786; Thomas Bell Patterson 200 acres Feb 28, 1786

Pg. 596-7. Adam Patterson 356.96 Acres April 1, 1888; John Patterson 40 Acres Aug. 1, 1849; Andrew Patterson 5 acres Dec 26, 1849; Andrew Patterson 5 Acres Jan 8, 1850.

Pg. 616-7 Wm. Vance 320 Acres March 4, 1785; Joseph Vance 300 Acres March 4, 1785; Isaac Vance 318 Acres Feb. 10, 1794; Isaac & John Vance 342.2 Acres Jan 21 1800; Arthur Vance 170 Acres Aug. 29, 1811; Henry Vance 10 Acres March 5, 1821; H'y Vance 30 Acres March 7, 1838; James White 400 Acres Sept 13, 1784; Alexander White 400 Acres Sept 13, 1784; James Wilson 200 Acres Dec. 22, 1784, Wm. Wilson 400 Acres Jan 14, 1785; Elizabeth Wilson 300 Acres Jan 14, 1785.

Abstracted by Virginia Lovett

**Politics as Usual**  
James Ross versus Joseph Vance

*From the Pittsburgh Gazette*

James Ross sued Joseph Vance, 15 Nov. 1809, in Washington County Pennsylvania for slander during the Governor's race in 1808. Mr. Vance, then a state senator, allegedly circulated a rumor that Mr. Ross had "administered the sacrament of the Lord's supper to a dog". Judge Allison and Mercer presided, President Roberts being absent. Mr. Campbell, Mr. Pentecost and Mr. Neville for the plaintiff and Mr. Mountain for the Defendant.

William Stevenson of Washington County, testified in behalf of Mr. Ross, that in the A.M. of the 2nd of August 1808, he and Mr. Lewis Warner, returning from the eastward across the Allegheny mountains, stopped for breakfast at Metzgar's Tavern in Bedford County where Joseph Vance and his wife arrived a few minutes later. While breakfast was being prepared, he and Vance entered into conversation when Vance asked how the election was going in Washington County. Mr. Stevenson replied that when he left about five weeks before, there seemed to be a change favorable to Mr. Ross. Mr. Vance was sorry that the Democrats would give preference to Mr. Ross over Mr. Snyder, but they would be better informed before the election. Mr. Stevenson mentioned that a Mr. Davis of Franklin County has been sued by Mr. Ross for circulating a story that Mr. Ross had given the sacrament to a pack of dogs. Mr. Vance didn't know about "a pack of dogs", but it was a certain fact that Mr. Ross had administered the sacrament to "a dog" about 9 or 10 years ago while he lived in Washington before McKean's election. Mr. Stevenson thought it must have been more than that for he had lived there 13 years ago and Mr. Ross had not resided there in all that time. Mr. Vance didn't recollect the number of years, but it was a considerable time since. Mr. Stevenson wondered that notice had not been taken of it. Mr. Vance said "so it was reported".

Mr. Stevenson further testified he had not spoken to Mr. Ross before the start of the trial, that he hadn't voted for either Mr. Ross or Mr. Snyder. He had quoted Mr. Vance on his road home and afterward frequently. He and Mr. Warner did not leave Metzgar's together, but after 16 miles of different conveyances, he and Warner joined again and travelled on foot and agreed as to the words used by Vance, Warner saying that Vance wanted to eat his first words.

Lewis Warner deposed that he overheard the conversation between Stevenson and Vance when Stevenson was repeating the story of Davis and the pack of hounds, and Davis being sued for it. He repeated the incident Vance referred to of Mr. Ross administering the sacrament to a dog in Washington County. Stevenson had observed it was a bad thing and wondered that Mr. Ross had not been called to account about it. Vance had replied, "It was so reported". Having listened closely, it was more than 5 minutes had elapsed between the words, "certain fact", until Vance said, "It was so reported". Mr. Warner told Stevenson the charge should be publicly known and if false, contradicted, and he would tell Mr. Ross' friends when he returned to Pittsburgh.

Mr. Warner said that he and Stevenson were strangers when they met traveling and had not met again until the trial. During cross examination he said he paid close attention to the conversation after the story of administering the Sacrament to the pack of hounds began.

Mr. Campbell testified that Mr. Ross, by letter early in August 1808, had requested him to write to Mr. Vance, desiring an explanation of his conduct and explicitly if he was persisting in



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it's truth or whether he would retract it. If not, then to bring suite and ask hom to come to trial before the election, for the truth to be established. Mr. Vance called upon Mr. Campbell and said he had only intended to state it as a report which he had heard long ago. Suite was brought but Vance didn't agree to a hearing until November, even though he had remained in Washington until 22 October 1808.

Mr. Vance called a number of witnesses to prove his good character for truth and for moderation in his temper and language towards all his neighbors and toward political opponents. He had never been heard to use this report in Washington County against Mr. Ross' election.

The witnesses attesting to Mr. Vance's good character for truth and his piety were, James Edgar, Henry Graham esq., Col. Thomas Acheson. All answered to his fairness and neighborliness. They all had respect for Mr. Ross. They had never known Mr. Vance to tell the story about the supposed use of the sacrament for a dog.

Others who testified similarly were, Aaron Lyle, Thomas McKibbon, John Wilson, William Ray, Sheriff Anderson, Joseph Alexander, Richard Donaldson, James Brice, Judges Allison and Mercer and John Riddle.

John Riddle said Mr. Vance told him he had no reason to believe the story was well founded. The testimony for the defendant closed without any attempt to weaken the credibility or respectibility of Mr. Stevenson or Mr. Warner.

The plaintiff called Col. William Wallace who testified that many years ago, he was in a company who were carousing and drinking on a Saturday night till Sunday morning. In the morning a great bowl was filled and named Lake Erie. As they mingled about the bowl was broken and the group dispersed. He later heard a report that the sacrament had been profaned, but nothing of that kind was done or thought of by any of the company. Mr. Ross was not at this meeting. He was in Philadelphia at that time.

Mr. Neville summed up the testimony on behalf of the plaintiff, stating that the defamatory accusations against Vance were fully proved by the two witnesses. He dwelt upon the impiety of making an electioneering instrument of the Holy Ordinance of the Church and regretted he had to charge an elder of the church with abuse and violation of the sacred book. He begged the jury to discard all paarty feeling and give a verdict they might reflect on with satisfaction.

Mr. Mountain for the defendant contended that the words were not indictable; that Vance had only given the story as a report he had heard and had proved at trial there was such a report, not to say that Mr. Ross had perpetrated the crime. He had abstained in using the report or other slanders against Mr. Ross to defeat his election. The good character of Mr. Vance forbid the belief that he had any ill design in relating the story in a tavern on occasion that gave rise to the suite. The story wasn't anything more than an incautious expression, not well explained, but perhaps incorrectly understood.

Mr. Campbell replied that if the slanderous words were not actionable he could scarcely imagine any that ought to be so. He said Vance had lived 30 years in Washington County where the report originated, and was well acquainted with Mr. Ross, was a leading member of the church where the elders had inquired into the story and found it fake. The result was well known to Mr. Edgar and Mr. Graham, members of the same session with Mr. Vance. Not using the story against Mr. Ross was proof of his disbelief and he declared to his witness Mr. Riddle that he had no reason to believe it.

Mr. Campbell said as to damages, his client had already gained all upon which he had set his heart, a public tribunal which proved the report had been long since been known to be utterly

destitute of the shadow of truth.

The Court then observed to the Jury that the words were actionable and the Jury was to form it's opinion of the facts as given.

The Jury retired at 8 P.M. and remained together all night. Appearing in court the next morning, they had not agreed and asked the testimony on behalf of the plaintiff by the witnesses be repeated. They retired again and at 4 o'clock in the afternoon came into court and not being able to agree, they were discharged.

*Research of Robert Seeberger. Abstracted by V. Lovett*



### EZEKIAL VANCE

New member Jim tenBroeke, 3 Princeton Court, Iowa City, Iowa 52245 noticed in the January 1996 NL pg 27 a reference to an Ezekial Vance. He sent this summary of what he has on Ezekial.

In Vol. VII of Ohio Pioneers, 1967 is a query from Hazel Burnett which mentions that Sarah, widow of Moores Burnett of Fayette County, PA married Ezekial Vance and went to Guernsey County, OH (Hazel Burnett lived in Seattle WA; social security records show she died in 1973, so he could learn nothing more from that source). Ezekial operated a tavern on the Pultney Ridge Road, and was JP in Oxford Twp, Guernsey County in 1830. It is surmised he died about 1846, leaving no will.

Jim has been interested in Ezekial because he may have been related to his gggrandmother, Matilda Vance, who was born in Oxford Twp in 1818. The 1820 census shows two Vance households in Oxford Twp.: Ezekial (over 45, no young children), and William Vance (20-45 y/a, one female less than 10 y/a). Jim believes Matilda was probably William's daughter, but can find no confirmation of this. His family tradition holds that Matilda was the daughter of an inn keeper, which would point to Ezekial, but the census shows no children in Ezekial's household in 1820..perhaps he was her grandfather or uncle.

Does anyone have any information that might help Jim learn more about Ezekial, William or Matilda? Has it been determined whether the Sam Harris in the 1819 deed transfer was the same as the Sam Harris related to John Vance? (NL reference)



### DELILAH VANCE/JOHN PATTON Virginia - Kentucky

Grace Dotson picked this up from Internet from Willis Schroader. We seek to identify this Vance connection. John Patton was born 1771 in Virginia, and died November 10, 1856 in Allen County, KY. He married Delilah Vance. Allen County, Kentucky Wills and Settlements 1815-1902, pg. 79, by Mary M. Rabold, 1972 stated John Patton signed 14 July 1844 will, probated November 10, 1856. "To my beloved wife my entire estate during her life to use and manage and at her death to my children Lucy Sears, Mary Belle, Nancy Oliver, John Patton, James Patton, Betty Patton, Granville Patton and Thornton Patton. I request my daughter Mary Belle to live and take care of her mother while living. My son William Patton is not named as he already has his full share. I appoint my wife Delila\_ Patton my executor. Witnesses: William Sears, Josiah Hall and Robert Wiles. It is interesting to note that son Thomas Patton was born in Virginia, but died in Ohio Co. KY. Some of the others married and lived in Allen Co. KY. Any clues would be appreciated.

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**Martinsburg Presbyterian (From the Ledgers of Rev. Henry Hervey)**

Reverend Hervey founded the Martinsburg Academy which drew students from a wide geographic area in Licking & Knox Counties, Ohio. The Martinsburg Church was situated in Knox County, Ohio about two miles north of the Licking County Line. It drew members and supporters from Eden and Washington Townships in Licking County.

The following Vances & Marquis subscribed funds for the years indicated:

|                        |                    |
|------------------------|--------------------|
| <b>1830 &amp; 1831</b> | Vance, William     |
|                        | Vance, Andrew      |
|                        | Vance, Andrew, Jr. |
|                        | Vance, James       |
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*From the Licking Lantern, Licking County, Ohio*  
*Submitted by Bob Hadeen*

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Washington County, Tennessee, Collection District No. 2. The following tracts of land are being sold on the 2nd of February next, for nonpayment of a direct tax within the United States. Robt. Thorlton, Collector, District No. 2.

| <u>Reputed Owner</u> | <u>Acres</u> | <u>Water Courses</u> |
|----------------------|--------------|----------------------|
| Handley VANCE        | 150          | Big Limestone        |

April 22, 1801, Vol. 1, No. 52

On the 16th of June next, at Fort Blount in Smith County, there will be a public sale for the 274 acres belonging to Frederick DEBOW. The land attached by James VANCE. John L. MARTIN, S.S.C.

April 13, 1803, Vol. 3, No. 132

David VANCE denied he owed a gambling debt of \$6.75. The debt was proven true on an oath by Daniel MACAFEE on trail before Thomas TALBOT. John KIRK.

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List of letters remaining at the Nashville Post Office, per R. B. CURREY, A.P.M.: David Y. VANCE.

April 25, 1804, Vol. 4, No. 23

Letters remaining at the Nashville Post Office, per R. B. CURRY, A.P.: David G. VANCE.

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FROM  
TENNESSEE NEWSPAPERS  
1701 - 1808  
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IMPARTIAL REVIEW  
and  
CUMBERLAND REPOSITORY  
Published by Thomas Eastin

October 4, 1806, Vol.1, No. 43

New York, August 29th. The ship, Rose-in-Bloom, was lost in a storm Sunday off Barnegat. The ship left port at Charleston. The survivors were picked up by the Brig Swift St. Johns. The survivors were as follows: James VANCE.

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July 23, 1807, Vol. @, No. 85

The following persons are authorized to receive subscription money for the newspaper: Samuel VANCE.

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July 21, 1808, Vol. 3, No. 137

A list of letters remaining at the Nashville Post Office on July 1, 1808, per R. B. CURREY, A.P.M.: Wm. VANCE.

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October 13, 1808, Vol. 3, No. 149

A list of letters remaining at the Nashville Post Office on October 1, per Robt. B. CURREY, A.P.M.: Wm. VANCE.

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THE IMPARTIAL OBSERVER  
Published by Roulstone and Wilson

April 16, 1800, Vol. 1, No. 13

A list of letters remaining at the Knoxville Post Office, per John CROZIER, P.M.: Patrick VANCE.

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August 12, 1800, Vol. 1, No. 48

A list of letters remaining at the Jonesborough Post Office, per John M'ALLISTER, jun., P.M.: John VANCE.

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**MARRIAGE RECORDS 1803-1850 GALLIA COUNTY, OHIO**

MICHAEL L. TROWBRIDGE COMPILER

VANCE/VANS/VAUS/VAUX/WANTZ/WENTZ EXTRACTED BY KATHLEEN KOEPP

(Anything underlined is as it appears in the book)

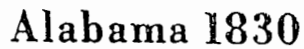
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| Bets, Amos        | Vance, Polly       | Aug 1 48  | 258 | 2-099 |
| Boice, Robert     | Vance, Mary Ann    | Jan 5 37  | 420 | 1-276 |
| Butcher, John     | Vance, Polly       | Oct 7 23  | 258 | 1-125 |
| Danner, Michael   | Vance, Sally       | Dec 1 25  | 068 | 1-144 |
| Eblin, Asa        | Vance, Sarah       | Aug 18 30 | 142 | 1-193 |
| Ervin, Presly     | Vance, Rosina      | Dec 9 41  | 294 | 1-376 |
| Halfhill, Joshua  | Vance, Susannah    | Jan 8 24  | 258 | 1-126 |
| Moler, Andrew     | Vance, Nancy       | Mar 20 34 | 176 | 1-244 |
| Riffle, Samuel    | Vance, Catharine   | Oct 5 43  | 208 | 1-445 |
| Rodgape, Rudolph  | Vance, Caroline    | Aug 6 33  | 357 | 1-234 |
| Russel, Norman    | Vance, Nanry       | Oct 1 46  | 379 | 2-041 |
| Shuler, William   | Vance, Mary        | Feb 17 31 | 310 | 1-199 |
| Smith, Daniel     | Vance, Hester      | Sep 10 40 | 406 | 1-349 |
| Smith, James H.   | Vance, Elizabeth   | Jun 14 40 | 406 | 1-353 |
|                   | Caroline           |           |     |       |
| Vance, Alexander  | Shepard, Eliza Ann | Dec 7 34  | 065 | 1-250 |
| Vance, Thomas Jr. | Anderson, Polly    | Mar 12 37 | 406 | 1-280 |
| Vance, William    | Martindill, Sarah  | Nov 27 34 | 262 | 1-251 |

No Vans/Vaus/Vaux/Wantz/Wentz listed

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065 Cating, John  
068 Cherrington, John  
142 Graves, James  
176 Hughes, Anderson H.  
208 Logue, Alexander  
258 McDowell, William  
294 Pinney, David  
310 Rathburn, Daniel Jr.  
357 Smithers, David  
379 Titus, Leonard  
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420 York, Sanford

**1830 ALABAMA CENSUS RECORDS**  
Research of Mary F. Vance-Shaw  
99 Shaw Lane, Alpine, AL 35014

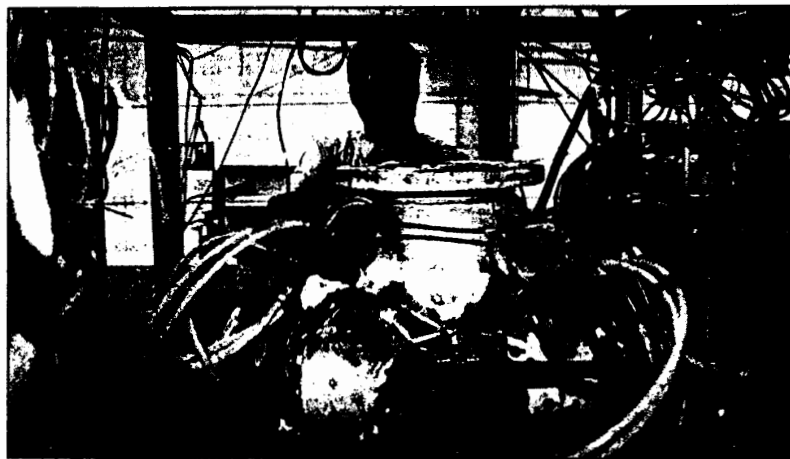


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Vance, John Pick 118 No Twp L  
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Vance, William Pick 123 No Twp L  
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# Business

The Orlando Sentinel  
WEDNESDAY, November 30, 1994

# B



DENNIS WALL/THE ORLANDO SENTINEL

Vance Murray checks out a test chamber similar to one in his noncombustion disposal system.

## Can medical waste be melted?

Company in Altamonte may have a way to get rid of pollutants

By Craig Quintana

OF THE SENTINEL STAFF

Call Mr. Ripley because this one strains believability.

A company in Altamonte Springs on Tuesday unveiled a device that promises to rid the world cheaply and easily of one of modern society's most vexing problems — hazardous medical waste — without polluting the environment.

It might seem like a pipe dream of a wacked-out futurist, but the inventor says the high-tech system provides an environmentally safe alternative to waste incinerators.

In private testing, the Vance Incandescent Disposal System has proved virtually nonpolluting in every aspect, from the harmless residue left over after treatment to the process' rinse water, "which you can drink," said Murry Vance, the device's inventor.

Florida health and environmental officials, who regulate medical waste, say the technology shows great promise, but they want hard proof. The state will reserve judgment until early next year, when the first production models are built and tested for Central Florida's hospitals.

Vance's invention has drawn promotional backing of the electric-power industry and contracts from

Please see WASTE, B-6

## Invention turns hazardous materials into recyclable dust

WASTE from B-1

several of Florida's medical facilities, including Florida Hospital in Altamonte Springs, the Central Florida Blood Bank and Central Florida Regional Hospital in Sanford.

"I'm trying to be the devil's advocate, saying, 'Truly, there must be something wrong with this,'" said Steve Cantwell, director of plant operations for Central Florida Regional. "But it appears to be on the up and up."

The patented invention works almost like a gigantic light bulb.

Medical waste — needles, glass and human tissue — enter the device's hopper and momentarily act like a bulb's filament, creating light and heat when bombarded by electrons. But unlike a bulb, the electron storm inside the device almost instantly superheats the "filament," melting it into its

most basic elemental building blocks.

The difference between this process and conventional incineration is the absence of combustion. When wastes are burned, air emissions are created that carry pollutants, which are further treated or released into the atmosphere. Vance's system excludes oxygen, making combustion impossible.

"We break the [molecular] bonds by physics instead of combustion — a chemical process," Vance said. "We break everything down to basic elements," which renders toxic material virtually harmless.

To create a superheated chamber of more than 15,000 degrees Fahrenheit, Vance employs what are essentially arc welding torches to fire electrons into a cloud of argon gas. The electrons collide in the electrified argon plasma, which helps move electrons but

will not chemically react with the melting wastes.

The residue — a fine dust of carbon, a pile of sandy silica and metals — can be recycled, put in a landfill or flushed down the sewer, Vance said.

Preliminary tests of the device support the maker's environmentally friendly claims, said Bruno Ferraro, president of Grove Scientific in Orlando, Vance's environmental consultant.

The estimated cost to treat 100 pounds of medical waste is less than \$2.50. That's one-fifteenth of what it would cost to incinerate, Vance said.

"It's like manna from heaven," said Joe Nestor, Florida Power & Light's manager of market planning.

The utility is part of a consortium of power generators marketing the technology to hospitals, some of their largest customers.

State officials predicted there would be a great market for the de-

vice if it works as promised. Florida currently has a moratorium on new medical incinerators, and the federal government is expected to announce costly new regulations on existing systems in January.

"Common sense would tell you that if there's no more incinerators and there's still a thousand people a day coming to Florida, 'Gee, it's got to go somewhere,'" said Eric Grimm, biomedical waste program coordinator for the Florida Department of Health and Rehabilitative Services.

Representatives of environmental groups say they are still evaluating the technology but hope it's the panacea others say it is.

Vance said his year-old startup company currently has \$20 million in contracts and hopes to have another \$15 million by the year's end. Another \$100 million in contingency contracts await the outcome of next year's installations, he said.

Research of John Vance  
Leesburg, Florida

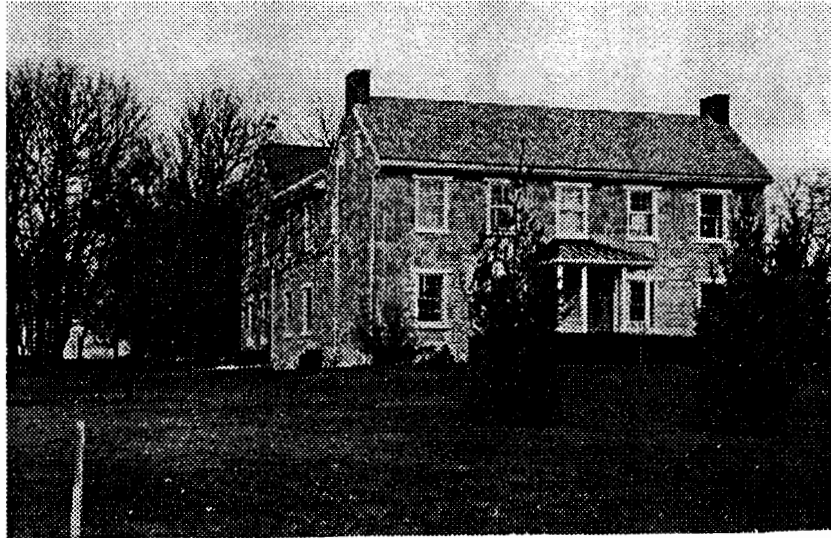


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**Patrick Vance House, Chambersburg, PA**

Built ca 1773

Photo 1996 by Kathy DiLoreto



Present day corporate headquarters of Valley Quarries, Inc.

Members, past and present from Patrick's line:

Anna L. Vance Beumel, Artie A. Petaway, Ann Todd, Cheryl Parr, Catherine Rossiter



The original barn of Patrick Vance, ca 1773.

*See Front Page:* The Presbyterian Church of Falling Spring was founded 1734. No record can be found of the trustees names prior to July 5, 1767. On that date the Board of Trustees entered into a contract with James Shank for the erection of the second Log Church Building. Members of the Board were: Col. Benj. Chambers, John Dixon, Richard Venable, Matthew Wilson, William Glass, Patrick Vance, Benjamin Gass, Robert Jack and Thomas Burney. On Jan 1, 1768, Col. Benjamin Chambers and wife Jane presented to the congregation a deed recorded Pgs, 210/3. The property was a picturesque Cedar Grove Tract for a Presbyterian Church, Session House, School Building, and Cemetery. The Board of trustees at that time were Patrick Vance, Matthew Wilson, Edward Cook, Robert Patterson, Wm. Lindsay, Jr., Wm. Goss (Gass?) and William Brotherton. Reference: McClung Library, Knoxville, TN. Clarence A. Vance Collection, Folder 17, research of Kathleen Mason. The present day church was built ca 1803, after Patrick Vance and family moved to Knox County, Tennessee.



## Kathleen's Korner

Immediately following the VFA Mini Conference in Bluefield, Va. last October my husband and I went to Chambersburg, PA to visit the historical house that Patrick Vance built ca 1773 (See NL July 1994, pg 92). This house is now the corporate headquarters of Valley Quarries. About thirteen years ago they did an extensive renovation, true to the time period. In 1993 a wing of 4 rooms was added on to the rear of the house, as can be seen in the photo on the previous page. The house has five working fireplaces (not in use, however), and the window sills are about 2 feet in depth. The trim and woodwork in this old house is just beautiful. We received a very warm welcome, and a grand tour. We do appreciate the fact that they respect and love this grand old house.

I took photos of the outside - so I thought. When I returned home there was no film in the camera. Then I remembered that when our grandson visited us last summer, he proudly brought his own camera with him. He needed film, and I handed him the film I was about to load my camera with. You can imagine my chagrin when I had no pictures of the house, nor of Samuel and Sarah Vance's tombstone in Abingdon, VA. Just recently VFA member Kathy DeLiloreto had made some contacts with me. She lives in Chambersburg! So, of course she received a telephone call. I explained my problem and asked her if she would take a small roll of film for me of the outside of the house, including the barn that sits to the side of the house. It is the original also, and is painted barn red. Kathy took the photos, had them developed, and sent to me with her compliments, saying "we're all working toward the same goal of figuring out all the Vances". As a result of that gesture, I had a copy made of the house with the barn in the background and sent to all members who are from that line, as well as Patrick's brother David's line of Mecklenburg, NC. Copies were also sent to members from Patrick's cousin James Alexander Vance's line - surely he and David walked in that house while Patrick lived there. Thanks Kathy. This indicates why VFA is a special organization.

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Helen and Elmer Coyer of Castle Rock CO also came to Bluefield. This was our second time to meet at a VFA meeting. We worked together to find the parents of her Sarah Vance Vail - Samuel and Sarah Colville Vance. Their research of deeds in Abingdon, Va revealed Samuel's land stayed in the family until 1876, not 1975 (typo) as shown in July NL 1996 page 83 (end of 5<sup>th</sup> paragraph). Helen and Elmer's research and early photos will be shared later.

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See you in San Antonio in May!

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**NEW AND REVISED VFA PEDIGREES**

**BEUMEL, Anna Lois Vance**

**5224 Newholt Road**

**Owensboro KY 42303**

|                         |                  |                  |                  |                         |                                   |
|-------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| (7720) BEUMEL, Thomas J | B- 5 Feb 1924 IN | D-               | M- 9 Sep 1950 IN | (7719) VANCE, Anna L    | B-28 May 1931 KY D-               |
| (7718) VANCE, Homer R   | B-14 Jul 1896 KY | D-16 Dec 1969 IN | M-29 Dec 1917 KY | (9343) MOHON, Fannie    | B- 2 Feb 1892 KY D- 5 Jun 1960 CO |
| (9344) VANCE, Sidney J  | B-15 Sep 1863 KY | D-25 Oct 1946 IN | M-18 Sep 1889 KY | (9345) NICELY, Mattie   | B- 7 Dec 1872 KY D-14 Jan 1901 KY |
| (273 ) VANCE, Venirah   | B-10 Nov 1827 TN | D-17 Aug 1865 KY | M-30 Jul 1853 KY | (274 ) BROWN, Nancy     | B- 1 Dec 1831 KY D-12 Mar 1870 KY |
| (275 ) VANCE, Joseph    | B-13 Sep 1794 TN | D- 8 Mar 1865 KY | M-29 Dec 1819 TN | (276 ) GREEN, Eliza J   | B- 6 Jul 1799 VA D- 3 Jun 1869    |
| (4161) VANCE, Patrick   | B-               | D- 1803 TN       | M-10 Jul 1778    | (4162) HOUSTON, Elizabe | B- D-Aft 1803                     |

**BIGGS, Robert Dale**

**1155 E 58th**

**Chicago IL 60637**

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|------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|-------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| (135 ) BIGGS, Robert D | B-13 Jun 1934 WA | D-               | M-29 May 1933    | (137 ) JENSEN, Eleonora | B-               | D-               |
| (136 ) BIGGS, Robert L | B-17 Jun 1898 WA | D-30 Mar 1983 WA | M- 9 Nov 1890 WA | (139 ) HUCKABAY, Laura  | B- Nov 1873 WA   | D- 1924 WA       |
| (138 ) BIGGS, Robert L | B- 6 Jun 1866 TN | D-28 Apr 1941 WA | M-28 Sep 1848 NC | (141 ) VANCE, Clarissa  | B- 8 Jan 1828 NC | D-21 Jan 1889 IL |
| (140 ) BIGGS, Duncan A | B- 8 Mar 1825 NC | D-25 Dec 1915 IL | M-27 Jan 1828 NC | (143 ) BLALOCK, Elizabe | B- Nov 1806 NC   | D-Aft Jul NC     |
| (142 ) VANCE, Thomas   | B- 1 Nov 1800 SC | D-15 Aug 1851 NC |                  | (145 ) MCVEIGH, Barbara | B-27 Apr 1770    | D-Aft 1850 NC    |
| (144 ) VANCE, Matthew  | B-21 Jul 1764    | D-               |                  |                         |                  |                  |

**COSBY, Patricia**

**1 Northwood Court**

**Johnson City TN 37601**

|                        |                  |                  |                  |                        |                  |                  |
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| (62 ) COSBY, Lewis F D | B- 7 Apr 1919 VA | D-               | M-22 Nov 1945 MS | (63 ) VANCE, Patricia  | B-30 Jan 1923 VA | D-               |
| (64 ) VANCE, Gibson P  | B-31 Dec 1895 VA | D-16 Dec 1965 VA | M-20 Oct 1918    | (65 ) BISHOP, Jayme    | B-22 Sep 1899 MS | D-24 Jul 1982 VA |
| (66 ) VANCE, Robert B  | B-10 Jan 1870 VA | D-18 Jun 1921 VA | M-13 Feb 1895    | (67 ) PARKS, Virginia  | B- 1 Oct 1874 VA | D-21 May 1962 VA |
| (68 ) VANCE, James Jr  | B-19 Jun 1834 VA | D- 1 Aug 1896 VA | M- 7 Jul 1863 VA | (69 ) CASTLEMAN, Anna  | B-27 Jul 1838 VA | D- 8 Jul 1874 VA |
| (70 ) VANCE, James Sr  | B- Jul 1792 VA   | D- 2 Aug 1868 VA | M- 4 Nov 1817 VA | (71 ) BALFOUR, Amelia  | B- 1793 VA       | D-16 Aug 1846 VA |
| (72 ) VANCE, Samuel II | B- 1749 VA       | D- 8 Dec 1838 VA | M- 8 Jan 1778 VA | (73 ) LAUGHLIN, Margar | B- Mar 1756 PA   | D-16 Nov 1814 VA |
| (74 ) VANCE, Samuel I  | B-Aft 1716 Ire   | D-18 Aug 1778 VA | M-Aft 1734 VA    | (75 ) COLVILLE, Sarah  | B-Aft 1715 Ire   | D-Aft 1792 VA    |

**DILLS, Elvira W.**

**193 W Main St**

**Uniontown PA 15401 5535**

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| (1001) DILLS, Paul K    | B-20 Jul 1909    | D- 2 Nov 1981 PA  | M-15 Aug 1938 PA | (1002) WIENTGE, Elvira  | B-20 May 1914 PA | D-               |
| (1003) WIENTGE, Charles | B-12 Sep 1887 PA | D- 7 Jun 1937 Eng | M-14 Aug 1913 PA | (1004) SMITH, Edna C    | B-23 Jun 1890 PA | D-29 Mar 1968 PA |
| (1005) SMITH, Robert D  | B-21 Aug 1857 PA | D- 8 May 1908 PA  | M- 3 May 1888 PA | (1006) RIDDLE, Isaphene | B- 9 Sep 1857 PA | D- 6 Dec 1933 PA |
| (1007) RIDDLE, Isaac V  | B- 1 Jan 1827 PA | D- 6 Mar 1901 PA  |                  | (1008) LEYDA, Catherine | B- 4 May 1830 PA | D-30 Jun 1914 PA |
| (1009) RIDDLE, David    | B-18 Oct 1806    | D- 3 Dec 1863 PA  | M-Aft 1826 PA    | (1010) VANCE, Martha    | B-23 Oct 1795 PA | D-17 Oct 1882 PA |
| (1011) VANCE, Isaac     | B-11 Feb 1754 VA | D- 5 Nov 1837 PA  | M-15 Nov 1783 PA | (1012) COTTON, Mary     | B-22 Jul 1760 PA | D- 9 Nov 1820 PA |
| (1013) VANCE, John Sr   | B- 1730 VA       | D-13 Aug 1796 PA  |                  | (1014) UNK, Isabelle    | B-               | D- 9 Feb 1807    |

**DOTSON, Mary Grace**

**973 Forest Drive**

**Harlem GA 30814 9522**

|                                         |                  |                  |                  |                         |                  |                  |
|-----------------------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|-------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| (962 ) DOTSON, James D                  | B-24 Nov 1940 VA | D-               | M- 2 Oct 1959 VA | (963 ) VANCE, Mary G    | B-24 Feb 1942 VA | D-               |
| (964 ) VANCE, Alexander                 | B-14 Mar 1908 WV | D-19 Feb 1978 VA | M-26 Jan 1936 WV | (965 ) MAYS, Mary J     | B-25 Feb 1915 VA | D-23 Aug 1977 VA |
| (966 ) VANCE, Andrew S                  | B-10 Oct 1877 WV | D-21 Nov 1918 WV | M- 3 Oct 1893 VA | (967 ) HELTON, Nancy    | B- 3 Jun 1878 VA | D- 7 Feb 1981 PA |
| (644 ) VANCE, David                     | B-14 Apr 1853 VA | D-24 Mar 1944 WV | M- 8 May 1874    | (968 ) PAYNE, Levica    | B- 1 Jan 1855 VA | D-Aft 1910 WV    |
| (646 ) VANCE, John                      | B- 1806 VA       | D- Nov 1883 WV   |                  | (647 ) MCKINNEY, Marind | B-Aft 1813 NC    | D-27 Jun 1909 WV |
| ----- Additional & Double Line(s) ----- |                  |                  |                  |                         |                  |                  |
| (1323) HELTON, James H                  | B- 1852          | D-               | M- 4 Mar 1878    | (1327) BROWN, Rachel V  | B- 1855          | D-Bef 1892 VA    |
| (1326) HELTON, Asa                      | B-               | D-               | M- 1838          | (1325) VANCE, Mary      | B-               | D-               |
| (1322) VANCE, William                   | B- 1789 VA       | D-17 May 1853 VA | M- 4 Feb 1807 VA | (1015) UNK, Nancy       | B-Aft 1790       | D-Aft 1853       |
| (300 ) VANCE, Abner Sr                  | B-Aft 1755       | D-16 Jul 1819 VA |                  | (301 ) HOWARD, Susannah | B- 1767          | D-Aft 1850 WV    |

**GATES, Kenneth**

**10629 Bowling Green Road**

**Morgantown KY 42261**

|                         |                  |                  |                  |                         |                                   |
|-------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| (9601) GATES, Kenneth R | B-25 Jan 1944 WV | D-               | M-17 Apr 1965 IL | (9602) PORTER, Gloria L | B- 8 May 1943 WV D-               |
| (9600) GATES, James C   | B- 1 Nov 1900 AR | D-12 Aug 1950 KY | M-11 Aug 1923 KY | (9599) SIPPLE, Branch   | B- 7 Apr 1908 WV D-12 Nov 1976 CA |
| (9597) SIPPLE, Joseph   | B- 1882 WV       | D- 1940 VA       | M-13 Feb 1902 WV | (9598) VARNEY, Emma     | B- 2 Oct 1887 WV D-25 Jan 1965 VA |
| (9595) SIPPLE, Leroy B  | B-25 May 1860 WV | D- 3 Jul 1918 WV | M-17 Jul 1879 WV | (9596) KENNEDY, Victori | B-24 Jul 1863 VA D-22 Aug 1927 WV |
| (9594) SIPPLE, Leander  | B- 1835 VA       | D-16 Dec 1864 IL | M-21 Apr 1859 WV | (9593) HATFIELD, Elizab | B- 1836 WV D-                     |
| (9592) HATFIELD, Ephrai | B-11 Apr 1812 VA | D-30 Jun 1879 KY | M-28 Aug 1828 KY | (7350) VANCE, Nancy A   | B- 1813 VA D-                     |
|                         |                  |                  |                  | (2909) VANCE, Elizabeth | B- 1794 D-                        |
| (300 ) VANCE, Abner Sr  | B-Aft 1755       | D-16 Jul 1819 VA |                  | (301 ) HOWARD, Susannah | B- 1767 D-Aft 1850 WV             |

**KIGER, Dorothy**

**7325 Foster St**

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| (391 ) KIGER, Milton G  | B-30 Mar 1927    | D-               | M- 1951          | (392 ) VANCE, Dorothy M | B-22 Oct 1927 NC | D-               |
| (378 ) VANCE, Marvin D  | B- 9 Dec 1891 NC | D-17 Aug 1974 NC | M- 6 Oct 1920 NC | (379 ) MABE, Hattie V   | B-29 Mar 1901 NC | D-24 Jan 1963 NC |
| (327 ) VANCE, DeWitt M  | B-11 Jul 1857 NC | D- 4 Apr 1932 NC | M-28 Dec 1882 NC | (328 ) CREWS, Florella  | B- 8 Feb 1862 NC | D-28 Mar 1959 NC |
| (329 ) VANCE, William M | B- 5 Jun 1819 NC | D- 3 Dec 1901 NC | M-18 May 1842 NC | (330 ) SMITH, Hepsa J   | B-20 Feb 1821    | D-10 Jul 1888 NC |
| (331 ) VANCE, John Jr   | B-14 Mar 1799 NC | D-13 Jul 1878 NC | M- 6 Apr 1818 NC | (332 ) MARSHALL, Mary A | B- 5 Jan 1799    | D-30 Jun 1883 NC |
| (333 ) VANCE, John Sr   | B- 1772          | D-18 Aug 1839 NC | M- 1793          | (334 ) WHICKER, Lucreti | B- 7 Aug 1772 NC | D- 1859          |
| (1621) VANCE, Samuel Sr | B- 1726          | D-26 May 1789 NC |                  | (101 ) UNK, Alice       | B-               | D-               |

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**KOPMANN, Peggy**

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|------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|-------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| (190) PORTER, James H  | B-23 Nov 1909 MO | D-               | M-25 Jun 1942    | (191) VANCE, Peggy      | B- 7 Apr 1916 NE | D-               |
| (192) VANCE, Elmer L   | B- 6 Oct 1884 IA | D-22 Dec 1957 TX | M-22 Aug 1913 NE | (193) BLES, Catherine   | B-26 Dec 1887 MO | D- 6 Jan 1978 CA |
| (194) VANCE, Ephriam L | B- 9 Oct 1850 IN | D- 3 Jan 1936 KS | M-24 Feb 1876    | (195) TURNBULL, Mary M  | B-21 Apr 1856    | D-10 May 1924 MO |
| (196) VANCE, William M | B-21 Nov 1818 IN | D- 8 Apr 1886 IA | M-29 Apr 1841 IN | (197) BANKS, Julia B    | B- 3 Apr 1821 IN | D-19 May 1853 IN |
| (198) VANCE, David     | B- 1793 VA       | D-18 Sep 1843 IN | M- 7 Jun 1811 IN | (199) MCCAMPBELL, Anna  | B- 1794 VA       | D-25 Jul 1847 IN |
| (2112) VANCE, William  | B- 1772          | D-Abt 1847 OH    |                  | (2113) UNK, Polly       | B-               | D-               |
| (2109) VANCE, David    | B- 1752 VA       | D- 4 Oct 1816 OH | M-Abt 1769 VA    | (2110) UNK, Margaret    | B-               | D-Bef 1800       |
| (579) VANCE, William M | B-Abt 1718 Ire   | D- 1788 PA       | M- 1749 VA       | (1511) GILKESON, Mary C | B-               | D-Aft 1788       |
| (1246) VANCE, David Sr | B-               | D-               |                  | (6884) UNK, Sarah       | B-               | D-               |

**MORRISON, Fay**

118 Battle St SW

Vienna VA 22180 6301

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| (239) MORRISON, Andrew | B-23 Apr 1917 KY | D-               | M- 6 Oct 1939 KY | (240) VANCE, Virginia  | B-10 Feb 1916 OH | D-               |
| (241) VANCE, James G   | B- 2 Nov 1880 PA | D-11 Aug 1962 OH | M-26 Sep 1914 OH | (242) VANDYKE, Jennie  | B-23 Feb 1893 OH | D-30 May 1936 KY |
| (243) VANCE, Cyrus     | B- 3 Jun 1854 PA | D-13 May 1883 PA |                  | (244) GRINDLE, Amanda  | B- 2 Aug 1857 WV | D-27 Jul 1936 OH |
| (245) VANCE, Milton    | B- 1817 PA       | D-16 Oct 1887 PA |                  | (246) SHELLENBERGER, C | B- 1827          | D-30 Oct 1882 PA |
| (247) VANCE, John      | B-11 Jan 1797 PA | D-12 Mar 1886 IL |                  | (248) STRICKLER, Mary  | B- 1795          | D-16 Jun 1877 PA |
| (249) VANCE, Moses     | B-23 May 1773 PA | D-27 Jun 1829 PA |                  | (250) STRICKLER, Eliza | B- 1773 PA       | D- 8 Sep 1849 PA |
| (251) VANCE, John      | B-Abt 1730 VA    | D- 1778 PA       | M- VA            | (252) WHITE, Margaret  | B-               | D-               |
| (2040) VANCE, John     | B- 1699 Ire      | D-Abt 1760 VA    | M- 1721          | (2041) UNK, Elizabeth  | B-               | D-               |

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| (323) SMITH, Robert C   | B-26 Jun 1922 NC | D-               | M-30 Jun 1944    | (324) VOSS, Flora V    | B- 3 Aug 1923 NC | D-               |
| (325) VOSS, Austin C    | B-15 Jun 1888 NC | D-29 Oct 1971 NC | M- 3 Dec 1913 NC | (326) VANCE, Electa B  | B-21 Sep 1893 NC | D-17 Dec 1971 NC |
| (327) VANCE, DeWitt M   | B-11 Jul 1857 NC | D- 4 Apr 1932 NC | M-28 Dec 1882 NC | (328) CREWS, Florella  | B- 8 Feb 1862 NC | D-28 Mar 1959 NC |
| (329) VANCE, William M  | B- 5 Jun 1819 NC | D- 3 Dec 1901 NC | M-18 May 1842 NC | (330) SMITH, Hepsa J   | B-20 Feb 1821    | D-10 Jul 1888 NC |
| (331) VANCE, John Jr    | B-14 Mar 1799 NC | D-13 Jul 1878 NC | M- 6 Apr 1818 NC | (332) MARSHALL, Mary A | B- 5 Jan 1799    | D-30 Jun 1883 NC |
| (333) VANCE, John Sr    | B- 1772          | D-18 Aug 1839 NC | M- 1793          | (334) WHICKER, Lucreti | B- 7 Aug 1772 NC | D- 1859          |
| (1621) VANCE, Samuel Sr | B- 1726          | D-26 May 1789 NC |                  | (101) UNK, Alice       | B-               | D-               |

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| (335) VANCE, Ben N    | B-16 Jan 1933 CA | D-               | M- 1 Nov 1954 | (336) NELLESSEN, Agnes | B-17 Oct 1936 CO | D-               |
| (337) VANCE, Walter E | B-13 Jan 1893 MO | D-23 Nov 1948 CA | M-29 Feb 1920 | (338) NATION, Mable T  | B-21 Jan 1900 MO | D-23 Nov 1948 CA |
| (339) VANCE, Marion E | B-19 Sep 1870 IA | D-20 Jan 1939 CA | M- 4 Nov 1891 | (340) WHITWORTH, Marth | B-15 Jan 1873 CA | D-17 Nov 1948 CA |
| (319) VANCE, David P  | B-16 Mar 1842    | D-15 Dec 1903 MO | M-20 Jun 1867 | (320) CORNWALL, Maliss | B-29 Oct 1849 IA | D- 7 Feb 1917 MO |
| (321) VANCE, Hugh     | B-               | D- 7 May 1870    |               | (322) CAPPS, Virginia  | B-               | D-20 Dec 1877    |

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| (341) VANCE, Bobby J   | B-25 Sep 1928 TX | D-               | M-23 Dec 1950 TX | (342) PARKS, Annie L   | B-26 Jan 1930    | D-               |
| (343) VANCE, Walter H  | B-18 Oct 1892 TX | D-26 Jun 1934 TX | M-26 Oct 1922 TX | (344) ANDREWS, Annie C | B-28 Sep 1904 TX | D-11 Jan 1980 TX |
| (346) VANCE, Francis M | B-22 Feb 1845 AL | D-21 Jan 1923 TX | M- 6 Nov 1879    | (347) RAILEY, Sarah A  | B- 6 Mar 1846 MS | D-21 Jan 1922 TX |

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| (358) VANCE, Charles C | B- 8 Oct 1914 TN | D-               | M-22 Feb 1942    | (359) POPE, Mildred    | B-24 Sep 1919    | D-               |
| (360) VANCE, John L    | B-28 Mar 1869 TN | D-14 Apr 1936 TN | M- 6 Apr 1911    | (361) COOPER, Mary     | B-10 Jun 1878 TN | D-14 Jul 1944 TN |
| (362) VANCE, David W   | B- 1841 TN       | D-Abt 1923 TN    | M-Abt 1860       | (363) BARNFIELD, Marth | B- 1841 TN       | D- 1923 TN       |
| (364) VANCE, David     | B- 1780 PA       | D- 1852 TN       | M- 8 Aug 1820 TN | (365) GILLESPIE, Jane  | B- 1800 TN       | D- 1869 TN       |

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| (415) VANCE, Earl H  | B-23 Oct 1920 OH | D-               | M-18 Oct 1941 OH | (416) SWADNER, Evelyn | B- 9 Sep 1921 OH  | D-               |
| (417) VANCE, Curtis  | B-22 Sep 1896 OH | D- 6 Aug 1990 OH | M- 2 Mar 1918 OH | (837) PENNY, Lyda     | B-10 Apr 1896 OH  | D-14 Jul 1965 OH |
| (419) VANCE, John C  | B-25 Dec 1859 OH | D- 3 Jul 1943 OH | M-Abt 1894       | (1328) FULLER, Nettie | B- 11 Jul 1874 OH | D- 4 Aug 1906    |
| (420) VANCE, James H | B- May 1831 OH   | D- 9 May 1904 OH | M-25 Nov 1852 OH | (1329) SAPP, Jane     | B-11 Jun 1832 OH  | D-24 Feb 1905 OH |

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| (494) VANCE, Jack R    | B- 1 Feb 1932 CA | D-               | M-29 Mar 1956 | (495) MUNCY, Shirley S | B- 5 Jun 1938    | D-               |
| (496) VANCE, Russell R | B-30 Jan 1908 NE | D-14 May 1985 FL | M-20 Oct 1928 | (497) ROTH, Dorothy M  | B-16 Nov 1911 CA | D- 3 May 1985 AZ |
| (498) VANCE, William A | B-13 Jul 1876 IN | D-27 Jan 1960 OR |               | (499) HOIT, Clara      | B-14 Feb 1878 NE | D- 8 May 1944 CA |
| (500) VANCE, James R   | B-18 Jul 1841 OH | D- 6 Nov 1927 NE | M-21 Jan 1864 | (501) DENNING, Harriet | B- 8 Apr 1841 OH | D-20 Oct 1924 NE |
| (502) VANCE, James     | B-               | D-               |               | (503) KINKAID, Asenath | B-               | D-               |

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| (636) VANCE, Quintin D          | B-28 Jul 1959 WV | D-               | M-2 Jul 1978 VA  | (637) YATES, Margaret  | B-23 May 1959 VA D-               |
| (638) VANCE, Edmond             | B-2 Dec 1935 WV  | D-               | M-29 Jun 1956 VA | (639) CANTRELL, Ruby L | B-11 Mar 1940 KY D-               |
| (640) VANCE, Daniel H           | B-28 May 1915 WV | D-19 Dec 1971 WV | M-21 Sep 1932 WV | (641) PAYNE, Laura D   | B-27 Feb 1915 WV D-               |
| (642) VANCE, James W            | B-16 Apr 1896 WV | D-19 May 1965 WV | M-2 Apr 1913 WV  | (643) CANTRELL, Rosa B | B-18 Jun 1898 VA D-11 Nov 1982 VA |
| (644) VANCE, David              | B-14 Apr 1853 VA | D-24 Mar 1944 WV | M-12 Mar 1883    | (645) LESTER, Cosby    | B-26 Jul 1870 WV D-18 Jul 1945 WV |
| (646) VANCE, John               | B-1806 VA        | D- Nov 1883 WV   |                  | (647) MCKINNEY, Marind | B-Abt 1813 NC D-27 Jun 1909 WV    |
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| (648) CANTRELL, Wilson          | B-19 Mar 1862    | D-12 Apr 1931    |                  | (649) VANCE, Louise L  | B-31 Mar 1874 D-31 Dec 1957 WV    |
| (650) VANCE, Alexander          | B- Dec 1849 VA   | D- Mar 1921 WV   | M-Abt 1871       | (651) HARMAN, Elizabet | B- Feb 1855 VA D-21 Dec 1931 WV   |
| (646) VANCE, John               | B-1806 VA        | D- Nov 1883 WV   |                  | (647) MCKINNEY, Marind | B-Abt 1813 NC D-27 Jun 1909 WV    |

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| (9982) VANCE, Robert L  | B-17 Aug 1948 OH | D-               | M-19 Nov 1971 CO | (9930) HLAUS, Elizabeth | B-                  | D-               |
| (9995) VANCE, Everett L | B-19 Jul 1923 OH | D-21 Aug 1969 OH | M-13 Sep 1947 KY | (9996) BOHN, Barbara A  | B-13 Mar 1931 OH D- |                  |
| (9993) VANCE, Howard C  | B-25 Jun 1885 OH | D-21 Aug 1939    | M-7 Jun 1919 OH  | (9994) WOODS, Iva M     | B-20 Aug 1897 OH    | D-19 Feb 1980 OH |
| (9942) VANCE, Henderson | B-26 Feb 1855 OH | D-1 Jun 1928 OH  | M-28 Feb 1882 OH | (9936) DENNEY, Rebecca  | B-1856 OH           | D-1933 OH        |
| (9989) VANCE, George W  | B- Apr 1827      | D-               |                  | (9944) ROWLAND, Mary A  | B-Abt 1829          | D-               |
| (9389) VANCE, Thomas    | B-               | D-               |                  | (9388) COLWELL, Sarah   | B-                  | D-               |

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| (2260) VANCE, Waid W   | B-27 Sep 1923 OH | D-               | M-20 Jun 1948 OH | (2261) PHILLIPS, Sylvia | B-24 Dec 1925 CT D-               |
| (2262) VANCE, Floyd J  | B-3 Aug 1893 OH  | D-15 Apr 1975 OH | M-1 Sep 1921 OH  | (2263) WAID, Ettie L    | B-5 Apr 1891 PA D-3 Feb 1963 OH   |
| (2264) VANCE, Timothy  | B-29 Nov 1864 OH | D-17 Mar 1950 OH | M-31 Dec 1890 OH | (2265) JOHNSON, Mary    | B-17 Jun 1865 OH D-23 May 1954 OH |
| (2266) VANCE, Joseph C | B-8 Jul 1818 OH  | D-23 Jun 1882 OH | M-22 Feb 1844 OH | (2267) PHELPS, Margaret | B-3 Mar 1828 OH D-13 Aug 1904 OH  |
| (2268) VANCE, Joseph   | B-1775 VA        | D-8 Jun 1824 OH  | M-3 Oct 1805 OH  | (2269) HART, Cynthia    | B-8 Oct 1788 CT D-11 Jun 1873 OH  |
| (2270) VANCE, Joseph   | B-1738           | D-1799 VA        | M-Abt 1763       | (2271) ALEXANDER, Rache | B-Abt 1730 Ire D-1815 VA          |

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| (772) VANCE, William E | B-1926 MS        | D-               |                  | (2577) DICKSON, Lorene | B-                                | D- |
| (773) VANCE, Ernest A  | B-12 Mar 1892 MS | D-26 Aug 1945 MS |                  | (1321) MAY, Alida      | B-19 Mar 1906 D-4 Sep 1974 MS     |    |
| (183) VANCE, William E | B-16 Oct 1867 MS | D-15 Jul 1939 MS | M-20 Dec 1885    | (184) HARBIN, Margaret | B-11 Mar 1870 MS D-10 Nov 1932 MS |    |
| (185) VANCE, William M | B-1820 SC        | D-1895 MS        | M-14 Dec 1843 MS | (186) LOTT, Martha     | B-1827 SC D-1901 MS               |    |
| (187) VANCE, John P    | B-1795 SC        | D-1863 MS        |                  | (188) MCNULTY, Isabell | B-1795 SC D-MS                    |    |
| (189) VANCE, James A S | B-Abt 1755       | D-Aft 1821 SC    | M-Abt 1779       | (5061) UNK,            | B-                                | D- |

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| (2583) VAN ROYEN, Willi | B-23 Jun 1904 Net | D- Feb 1973      | M-2 Aug 1947 KY  | (2584) FETTY, Alice I   | B-30 Jul 1912 WV D-               |
| (2585) FETTY, Simon F   | B-25 Jan 1872 WV  | D-29 Jul 1964 MD | M-12 Sep 1904 WV | (2586) SHRIVER, Ella L  | B-5 Oct 1879 WV D-21 Jan 1967 MD  |
| (2587) SHRIVER, Moses L | B-11 Jul 1851 VA  | D- Oct 1929 WV   | M-1878           | (2588) MORRIS, Orpha A  | B-1853 VA D- Oct 1915 WV          |
| (2589) MORRIS, Alpheus  | B-4 Jan 1829 VA   | D-8 Feb 1907 WV  | M-1851           | (2590) LEMLEY, Martha E | B-18 Apr 1833 VA D-12 Aug 1916 WV |
| (2591) LEMLEY, Asa      | B-25 Jun 1806 PA  | D-2 Nov 1884 WV  |                  | (2592) EVANS, Elizabeth | B-1807 PA D-9 Mar 1873 WV         |
| (2593) EVANS, Eleazar   | B-7 Sep 1779 VA   | D-22 Jan 1858 VA |                  | (2594) VANCE, Martha S  | B-1 Jan 1781 NJ D-4 Oct 1850 PA   |
| (2595) VANCE, James     | B-3 Aug 1753 Ire  | D-9 Mar 1833 PA  | M-1778 NJ        | (2596) SLACK, Amy       | B-5 May 1747 NJ D-20 Aug 1836 PA  |

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| (783) WILLIAMS, Doyle  | B-27 Feb 1930 VA | D-28 Nov 1986 VA | M-9 Oct 1954 VA  | (784) VANCE, Betty     | B-4 Dec 1934 VA D-                |
| (785) VANCE, Jesse A   | B-29 Oct 1906 VA | D-20 Jan 1979 VA | M-29 Nov 1926 VA | (786) HASH, Daisey I   | B-30 Jul 1910 VA D-27 May 1978 VA |
| (787) VANCE, Elijah    | B-28 Mar 1842 VA | D-3 Feb 1929 VA  | M-18 Nov 1902 VA | (788) BEAUERS, Mary J  | B-19 Jul 1877 MD D-17 Aug 1935 VA |
| (789) VANCE, Elijah Es | B-1803 VA        | D-25 Feb 1875 VA | M-Abt 1826       | (790) MATNEY, Levicy J | B-1807 VA D-Aft 1880 VA           |

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| (842) WORRALL, Edward  | B-15 Jun 1929    | D-               | M-2 Oct 1954 PA  | (843) VANCE, Phyllis R | B-30 Jan 1933 PA D-              |
| (844) VANCE, John M    | B-1 Nov 1890 PA  | D-12 Apr 1966 PA | M-27 Sep 1928 OH | (845) BECK, Cady R     | B-3 Aug 1897 OH D-25 Nov 1981 PA |
| (846) VANCE, Charles E | B-12 May 1866 PA | D-27 Apr 1928 PA | M-5 Dec 1889 PA  | (847) MARSHALL, Margar | B-3 Oct 1872 PA D-2 Jan 1961 PA  |
| (848) VANCE, Robert M  | B-15 Jun 1827    | D-16 Feb 1910 PA | M-Abt 14 Nov     | (849) NAUGLE, Caroline | B- Sep 1828 D-Abt 14 Jun         |
| (679) VANCE, Robert II | B-10 Jun 1788 PA | D-12 Oct 1863 OH | M-Abt 1816 PA    | (680) MOORE, Margaret  | B-Abt 1793 D-21 Mar 1845 PA      |
| (681) VANCE, Robert Ca | B-Abt 1736 VA    | D-20 May 1818 PA | M-20 Mar 1775 VA | (682) WHITE, Jean      | B-Abt 1746 VA D- May 1834 WV     |
| (74) VANCE, Samuel I   | B-Abt 1716 Ire   | D-18 Aug 1778 VA | M-Abt 1734 VA    | (75) COLVILLE, Sarah   | B-Abt 1715 Ire D-Aft 1792 VA     |

# Queries

Who was the female VANCE who married a SALISBURY about 1700? They named a daughter SUSAN VANCE SALISBURY in the early 1700's. She married JOHN RAY (b 1710 VA), moved to Columbia Co. GA in mid 1700's. SUSAN and JOHN RAY had sons JOSEPH, AMBROSE, ZACHRY, JOHN and JAMES RAY. They had daughters ELIZABETH RAY (b 1750) who married JOHN GRIFFIN (b 1745). JOHN GRIFFIN was killed in the Revolutionary War. ELIZABETH then married NATHANIEL RAGAN.

SUSAN VANCE SALISBURY'S mother may have been from a group of VANCES that came into York Co., VA. ca 1636 - 1654. They included ROBERT VANCE, SUSAN VANCE, ELIZABETH VANCE, HUMPHREY VANCE, JOHN VANCE, JAMES WILLIAM VANCE AND DAVID VANCE. In the book 'Cavaliers and Pioneers' SALISBURY, GRIFFIN and VANCE families are mentioned and appear to be living in Northcumberland Co., VA in 1636 - 1650. (Ed: An upcoming newsletter will include an article about the Vances in early York Co., VA)

EDITH BRIGHT CRAWFORD, 14 EAST BRANCH COURT, COLUMBIA, S.C. 292203.

DAVID VANCE, born Apr 1788, either CT or Charlestown, MA., married to OLIVE (?). Children, all born Caledonia, VT: DAVID II, 16 May 1809; WILLIAM, 24 Oct 1810; AARON, 14 Oct 1812; BETSEY, 23 Aug 1814; ABIGAIL, 5 Oct 1816; DANIEL, 31 Aug 1818; JANE, 15 Aug 1820; STEPHEN, 12 Aug 1822; HANNAH, 6 Aug 1824; NATHAN, 8 Oct 1826; GEORGE, 17 May 1829; and OLIVE, 12 Apr 1831. Who was the wife and mother OLIVE? She died before Oct 1856, when DAVID married second time to PHOEBE HOSMER PERKINS. Willing to share my information with anyone in this line.

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Seeking members with NY VANCE roots. Who out there is looking at VANCES in the 1700's and 1800's in Orange County, New York? I have been gathering information for several years and have made contact with two other researchers whose roots were in Orange County in that time period. Earliest known VANCE family in the County was SAMUEL, with sons, JOHN, JAMES, AND GEORGE, and daughters, MARGARET, and JANE (married JAMES BENEDICT), who lived in Warwick. My known ancestor was MOSES, found on the 1800 census under a DAVID VANCE as head of household, living in New Windsor. MOSES married MARY WRIGHT and our family remained in the County through the 1960's. According to my family legend, there were three original VANCE settlers; one settled in New York, one settled in the South, and one in the central part of the U.S. It was believed the furthest known VANCE in my line was a PATRICK. Interested in sharing information and organizing research.

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Does anyone have information on the MILES MARION VANCE who married CLARISSA ANNE EZELL on September 24, 1838 in Escomb County Florida, according to the LDS IGI?

Also, seeking information on the following VANCES who served in the Confederate Army:

- PVT. WILLIAM VANCE, Company F. 41st Alabama infantry,
- PVT. SAMUEL J. VANCE, Company I, 7th Florida Infantry
- PVT. SAMUEL VANCE, Company F. 9th Florida Infantry
- PVT. A. E. VANCE, Company D, 5th Battalion, Florida Cavalry
- PVT. DANIEL W. VANCE, Company I, 7th Florida Infantry
- PVT. CALEB F. VANCE, Company I, 7th Florida Infantry
- PVT. WILLIAM V. VANCE, Company B. 40 Alabama Infantry
- PVT. CHARLES VANCE, Company F. 9th Florida Infantry.

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Seeking information or possible clues on **HUGH VANCE** (b ? - d 1870 Camden Co., MO.) & wife **VIRGINIA ELLEN (JENNIE) CAPPS** (b ? d 1877). Their two children **SUSAN ELLEN VANCE** (b 1836 d 1880) & **DAVID PRESTON VANCE** (b 1842 d 1903) were both born in Camden Co., MO. Both children also died in Camden Co., MO. Appreciate any leads.

**RILEY VANCE, 3921 STONEWALL AVE., INDEPENDENCE, MO. 64055 RVANCE@KCTERA.NET**

The following two queries concern the same person, **SALLIE (SARAH) VANCE**. We have informed the two submitters of their mutual search.

I am trying to connect my great-great-grandfather, **WILLIAM DAVID VANCE MCLEAN** (b 1824 Lawrence Co. TN d 1889 Caldwell Co, TX) to **SARAH/SALLIE VANCE**, dgtr of **DAVID VANCE** who married **CHARLES MCLEAN**.

**WILLIAM DAVID VANCE'S** father was **WILLIAM MCLEAN** (b ca 1800 Logan Co., KY d 1889 TX). Have a letter of **ALNEY H. MCLEAN** written 25 Aug 1885 where he speaks of his mother **SALLIE VANCE** marrying his father **CHARLES MCLEAN** so know I am on the right track.

**MARYANNE TALLICHET, 2011 ALBANS, HOUSTON, TX 77005**

My 5th great grandmother was **SALLIE VANCE**, daughter of **DAVID VANCE**. She married **CHARLES MCLEAN** in 1799. Their daughter was **SUSAN HOWARD MCLEAN**, she married **HUGH DAVIDSON**, **MARY MILES DAVIDSON**, the youngest child of **SUSAN** and **HUGH** married **JOHN B. MEDLEY**. **MATTIE CLEMENTINE MEDLEY**, daughter of **MARY** and **JOHN** married **JAMES RILEY MAYHAN**. **JAMES** and **MATTIE** were my great great grandparents. They had two daughters, **GRACIE** and **VERNIE**. **VERNIE** married **CLARENCE GRIFFIN**. **MARY MILES DAVIDSON-MEDLEY** died in Texas in 1934 at the age of 89. Do you know of this **SALLIE VANCE** or her father **DAVID VANCE** of Asherville, North Carolina? All help appreciated.

**ADELE ASH, 965 WEBSTER STREET, PALO ALTO, CA 94301, (415) 322-5012,**

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Anyone have any information on **DAVID VANCE** born 1825 in Ireland? Immigrated to US circa 1840 through Port of New Orleans. He settled in Erin in Newton County, Mississippi and lived there until his death. However, census records list his first child as being born in TEXAS in 1851. Why this family was in Texas?

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P.S. Brenda would like to have copy of Vancey research material VFA members might have from County Derry, Ireland. Would gladly pay for copying and mailing.

Any and all information on **ABNER VANCE** CA 1760 - Jul 1819 appreciated. **ABNER** lived in Pittsylvania, Montgomery and Russell Counties, VA. Died 1819, Abingdon, Washington Co., VA.

**GRACE DOTSON, 973 FOREST DRIVE, HARLEM, GA., 30814-9522.**

Family Tree Maker's Archives Census Index: Colonial American 1607 - 1789 lists **JOSEPH, JAMES AND DAVID VANCE** living in Fauquier Co., VA in 1773. We (the VFA) need to know if anyone has a link or more information on these VANCEs.

**KATHLEEN MASON (ADDRESS ON COVER)**

Found this **VANCE** in the Pittsburgh City Directory, 1862. The listing is as follows: **VANCE AUGUSTINE**, saddletree-maker, 98 Smithfield, boards at 100 Smithfield. Anyone know anything about this person?

**BOB SEEBERGER, 136 ABBEYVILLE ROAD, PITTSBURGH, PA 15228-1718**

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I am searching for information on the following **VANCE** line, specifically info on **WILLIAM'S** mother's name **AZUBAH** (b 1775 in NY) and her parents. **WILLIAM VANCE** b. May 5, 1790, New Castle, Del. Married **HARRIETT THOMAS** Dec 18, 1817 in Springfield, Hamilton Co., Ohio. **HARRIETT** b. 1798 in Fredrick, MD. Children: (I am suspicious of these birth dates) **JAMES, ELIZABETH, AZUBAH, CAROLINE WILLIAM** b. 1830 in Ohio, **GEORGE** b. 1831, **MARY** b. 1832 **NANCY JANE** b. 1835 in Ohio, **EZRA THOMAS** b. 1838 in Crawfordville, Ohio **ANDREW MILTON** b 1841, **JOHN NEWTON** b. 1845.  
**BARBARA KETTTTLER, 1502 TWILIGHT RIDGE, AUSTIN, TX 78746, DKETT@AOL.COM**

While searching for my ancestor, **JAMES H. VANCE**, I keep running across **GIDEON VANCE** and **JAMES Q. VANCE**. If someone knows more about these families would appreciate sharing information. **GIDEON VANCE** is listed in the Pendelton Co., VA censuses of 1830, 1840 and 1850. In 1850 he is listed along with sons(?) **GIDEON** 25, **GEORGE** 15, **JOSEPH** 13, **JOHN** 11 and **ROBERT** 4. In the 1860 census of Wayne Co., IN **GEDEON VANCE** age 47 b VA, **JOHN VANCE** age 20 b VA and **ROBERT VANCE** 13 b VA are listed. This appears to be the same family. Later there is a cemetery record for **GEDEON VANCE** in the Iowa Genoa Cemetery that states d 22 Aug 1886, age 75. The other family of **JAMES Q. VANCE** appears to have started in PA with birth of **JAMES Q.** ca 1800. In the 1870 census for Putman Co., MO. **SARAH** age 55 b VA, **HARRY** age 19 b IN, **FRANCIS**(female) age 18 b AL and **HENRY** age 24 b MO appear with **JAMES Q.** In 1880 only **JAMES Q AND SARAH VANCE** are listed. Earlier there had been a son, **GUSTIC** who died in the Civil War. J. Q., his father, brought his body home in a lead casket filled with preservative to be buried on the family farm. Help!  
**DOROTHY BUMGARDNER, 9415 POINTS DRIVE, BELLEVUE, WA 98004**

Interested in learning more about the **GEORGE VANCE** of Augusta County, Virginia in the 1740-50s and his family. **MARY VANCE LUSK** named her first son, **JAMES VANCE LUSK** and her last son **GEORGE VANCE LUSK**

- In the The Scotch-Irish Settlement in Virginia, Extracted from the original Court Records of Augusta County, 1745-1800, 3 volumes, by Lyman Chalkey originally published in 1912, reprinted: GPC, Balt., MD, 1989, ISBN 0-8063-0069-8, Lib. Congress Cat. Card # 65-15351, we find the following entries for him.
- AUGUSTA COUNTY ORDER BOOK No. I: Page 73 - 20th August, 1746. John Brown to be overseer of same road from King's to Court House with following tithables: Hugh Spears, John McKenney, Thomas Perry, John Bartley, Patrick Martin, James Phillips, James Bell, **GEORGE VANCE**, James Montgomery, Thomas Kill Patrick, John Spears, Saml. Wallace, William McClintock, John Davis. (page 20, Vol.1, S-IS iV)
- AUGUSTA COUNTY ORDER BOOK No. II: Page 50 - 17th August, 1748. David Edmiston appd. Overseer of road from Tinkling Spring to Stuart and Christian's Road, with these: James and John Campbell, Archibald Stuart, Chas. Dallis, James Hamilton, Richard Pilsher, David Henderson, **GEORGE VANCE**, Robt. McCutchin, Saml. McCune, Robert Moody, John Frazier, John Thompson, Wm. Johnson, Alexr. Henderson, Saml. Henderson and Samuel Ferguson. (page 36, Vol.1, S-IS iV)
- AUGUSTA COUNTY DEED BOOK No. 2, Page 628 - 28th February 1749. William Beverley to George Perry, 360 acres in Beverley Manor. Corner **GEORGE VANCE**; James Lockhart's line. Teste: Robert and David Cunningham. (page 283, Vol.3, S-IS iV))
- AUGUSTA COUNTY DEED BOOK No. 4: Page 480 - 20th August, 1752. Thomas GILHAM and Margaret, to James LOCKRIDGE, 168 acres in Calfpasture; corner William Jamison; Mill Creek. Teste: **GEORGE VANCE**, Robt. Renick. (page 306, Vol.3, S-IS iV))
- AUGUSTA COUNTY WILL BOOK No. 1: Page 499 - 12th March, 1753. Matthew Thompson's will. Son, Mathew, executor. Wife, Martha Thompson. Grandson, Mathew, son to son, Mathew. Son, William. Son, John. Legatee, John Davison. Daughter, Margaret Thompson's five children. Teste: George Frazier, Mary Thompson, **GEORGE VANCE**. Proved, 16th May, 1753, by all witnesses, and Mathew Thompson qualified, with sureties Pat. Frazier, James Beard. (page 29, Vol.3, S-IS iV))
- Thomas Gillham mentioned in #4 was the father of Sarah 'Sally' Gillham
- Thomas Lusk, son of Robert and **MARY VANCE LUSK**. Sarah Davidson Lusk's great grandmother was a LOCKRIDGE (surname in #4 also).

I have found nothing for **GEORGE VANCE** after 1753. Did **GEORGE VANCE** die? Did he go to the Carolinas? What happened to him?

**KENNETH SMITH, 24651 EVEREVE CIRCLE, LAKE FOREST, CA 92630 KENVSMITH@AOL.COM**



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VFA member Mary Phelps-Manes Reports

February 20, 1997

MEETING WITH MR. ED SHOEMAKER, DIRECTOR, OKLAHOMA HISTORICAL LIBRARY

While doing research today at the Oklahoma Historical Library, I met with Mr. Shoemaker, regarding the VANCE FAMILY ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER. Mr. Shoemaker assured me that the volunteers would put the Vance Newsletters in a binder when sufficient copies had been received to warrant binding them. Usually this would amount to two or three years of publications.

Mr. Shoemaker also advised that since they were not a library that checked books out to individuals, such as the public library did, there was no way to tell how many persons had seen the Vance News letter. Newsletters are kept, like many other fragile documents are kept in the "closed stacks," until sufficient quantities are bound, and put on the library indexed shelves. However, the Historical Library, like so many others, is out of space, and this makes it difficult to store.

I asked Mr. Shoemaker, if it would be of any help, if I kept the Newsletter, and had them bound. He replied, they preferred to do it, to be consistent with their program, and the cost of binding these newsletter could run around \$10.00 a piece. We know there are a lot of VANCE'S in Oklahoma, an Auto dealership named Vance in OKC, the Air Force base, I met a Vance in one of my computer classes, and ken has known some in his career in the petroleum industry.

Therefore, under the circumstances, I will glean the information from the Vance Family Newsletters, of interest to me and will donate my Newsletters to the Oklahoma Historical Society, where I know they will be available on request, whenever I need to see them.

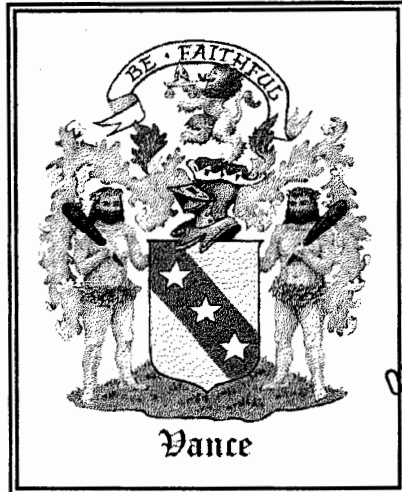
*Signed: Mary Manes 2/20/97*

**VFA Member Nancy J. Wach has published a new book on the Vance's. It is titled 'Ocean to Ocean.' Nancy tells us the book has 391 individual surnames, many pictures, and documents. The book is divided in two parts. Part one deals with the history of the Vances and their spouses. Part two contains statistical information. The price is \$35.00.**

**Ordering address:**

**Nancy Wach  
202 N. 43rd Ave. Court  
Greely, Colorado 80634.**

**Visit the VFA Homepage on the Internet  
<http://ourworld.compuserve.com/homepages/vfa>**



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*Official Repository of the VFA*

*See Article Page 121*

*Picture by Mary Reed*

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# President-Editor's Message

Membership has reached a record 379. Texas and California lead the way with 38 and 34 members respectively. In large part this growth stems from the current membership. Thanks to the many contributors to the newsletter and the work of our historians, we have a product for the membership to enjoy and promote. I have received many letters from members who belong to more than one genealogical family association that say our organization stands head and shoulders above the rest. Our newsletter pioneers, Marilyn Muller, Vance Voss Smith, and Kathleen Mason set a standard that has served us well.

Several of the new members have brought fresh data to the attention of our historians. Also many of the new folks are active researchers. It has been stimulating to see lines in Kentucky, Pennsylvania and Texas fill out with Vances and Vance history.

Gerald Vance of Marietta Ohio has suggested adding special mini meetings to the 1999 Columbus VFA meeting. His mini group would be descendants of Johann Diel Wentz (Handel Vance, VFA #2955.) The members of the VFA from my Vance line (William Vance - VFA #9/Rachel Mintun) have jumped at the idea as we are from Highland County, Ohio. Contact Wanda Greene or me if you have an Ohio connection and are interested in this idea. Don't forget that Wanda is looking for volunteers to help with the main meeting. She can be reached at 374 Hillview Drive, Johnstown, OH., 43031.

Mac Elliott, a new member from Texas, wrote a long letter about her successes since joining the VFA. She bought and read all the back issues of the newsletter. She says 'I now have three inches of dust on the furniture, three foot high crabgrass and at least three new wrinkles in my eye lines.' Mac not only filled in some Vance blanks but her MacFarland and Reed lines as well.

Gene Vance of Dallas Texas wrote that he received mail from Halberts of Bath, Ohio soliciting the latest 'New World Book of Vances.' Gene suggests applying the price of \$34.50 towards two years membership in the VFA rather than buying this book of Vance addresses. We continue warning the membership about this offer. If you want a book of addresses for living Vances, this is a good investment. If you are looking for Vance history and genealogy, forget it.

Speaking of letters, one member wrote that she had no time for genealogy as she spends her spare hours taking care of all the trees she has planted per my instructions! Do you think she is kidding?

Enuff, go find an ancestor and plant a tree,



Bruce

**It is dues renewal time!**  
**Please help by getting yours in before the holidays**

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*The Handley Regional Library*  
*The Archives Room*  
*P. O. Box 58*  
*Winchester, VA 22604*  
By Kathleen Mason

**Update:** Mary Reed recently visited the Handley Library, the official repository of the Vance Family Books/Papers. She met Rebecca Ebert, the Archives Librarian. Ms. Ebert's letter on the following page is informative. Currently the library is in the middle of bar-coding all of its collection prior to going on computer program. *Let me encourage all members who have compiled books or manuscripts to donate a copy. Several of our members have already done so, and the VFA Newsletter arrives there quarterly.*

Winchester is located in the migration pathway of the Vances as they sought a new home. Several years ago before VFA was formed, I visited the Library, and have visited there again to research. The staff was very cordial and helpful. The library has a most reasonable price for copies, and some copies of research can be obtained by mail. It is an endowed library. The Archives Room is downstairs and it is closed on Monday. Please make a visit if you are going that way, and don't forget to send them your book! Future visitors will appreciate it!

**The Archives Room**

Tuesday - Wednesday  
1 p.m. to 9 p.m.  
Thursday - Saturday  
10 a.m. to 5 p.m.



**The Handley Library**

Corner of Braddock and  
Piccadilly Streets  
540 662-9041

Monday - Wednesday  
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10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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July 19, 1997

Mary V. Reed  
535 Jefferson Dr.  
Delaware, Oh 43015-1121

Dear Miss Reed,

Thank you for your letter of June 23rd. I enjoyed meeting with you and sharing ideas for the Vance Family Association. I would be delighted to have members of the Vance Family Association donate their genealogical research to the Archives.

Books would be placed in the Archives Reading Room. Bookplates recognizing the donors would be placed in the books. If you produce a book over 50 pages; please send it to us unbound and we'll send it to a commercial bindery for a heavy duty cover which will hold up to library use. A donation of \$5.00 (payable to the Handley Regional Library) would help defray bindery cost, but is not required.

Ancestor charts, family group sheets, and small monographs (under 50 pages) will be placed in acid free folders and housed with the Vance Family Association Collection in the Archives storage room.

All gifts to the Archives should be directed to my attention: Rebecca Ebert, Archives Librarian, P.O. Box 58, Winchester, Va. 22604. The Library e-mail is: [handley@shentel.net](mailto:handley@shentel.net). All e-mail inquiries should include a regular mailing address as that is still the best way for us to respond to the majority of questions.

Our web address is <http://www.shentel.net/handley-library/index.html>. It currently contains information similar to that included in our brochures. We anticipate adding information regarding our collections. You may also access our online catalog through a modem. I've enclosed a brochure which gives the number and instructions if you wish to publish it.

I look forward to continuing involvement with the Vance Family Association.

Sincerely,



Rebecca A. Ebert  
Archives Librarian

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SELECTED TITLES ON THE VANCE FAMILY

(\*) This book can be checked out in Circulation Dept.

OPEN STACKS

Liley, Howard B. and Amalie H. Liley. VANCE AND RELATED FAMILIES. St. Peters, MO:  
self-published, 1988.  
929.2 LIL

McCain, William D. EIGHT GENERATIONS OF THE FAMILY OF WILLIAM VANCE.  
Hattiesburg, Mississippi: self-published. 1974.  
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Riherd, Shelley T. and Emogene and Margaret Vance Anderson. HANDEL VANCE (Johann Diel  
Wentz, the Immigrant, 1783-1797) HIS ANCESTRY AND DESCENDANTS. Bowie, MD:  
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White, Alvin D. HISTORY OF CROSS CREEK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH. Parson, WV:  
McClain Printing Co., 1969. (First 43 pages have sundry references to Vance family)  
285.1748 WHI

MANUSCRIPTS (Request on Call Sheet from Staff)

"Genealogy of the Glass Family in Virginia" also of the families of Vance, Hoge, and White. by  
Dr. William Henry Foote, n. d.  
430 THL MMF

"My Carroll County Kin: Corley, Harbin, Lott and Vance." by Cathleen Corley Mason, 1983.  
567 WFCHS

Vance Family Association Collection  
Membership List and Condensed Pedigrees. Compiled and edited by Kathleen Corley Mason,  
Bruce V. Vance, 1992. Newsletters.  
1214 THL

Vance Family Album. "The Young Lady's Rememberancer." Genealogy notes by Mary Rigdon  
Vance.  
1039 THL MMF

BOX 1

Vance Family Association - membership list,  
condensed pedigrees notes, and documentation list,  
cross-reference list compiled and edited  
by Kathleen Corley Mason and Bruce V. Vance,  
July 1995

Vance Family Association - newsletters, printed  
1985-1986  
1992  
1993  
1994  
1995  
1996  
1997

Vance, James (d. 1751) - descendants, Frederick County, VA,  
compiled by Virginia Vance Lovett, latest revision 1992,  
47 leaves, typescript



## United States History

*1790 Pennsylvania Census*  
*Research of W. E. Vance, Grenada, MS.*

**Code:**

1. Male over 60
2. Male under 16
3. Females
4. All others
5. Slaves

**Chester County**

**East Marborough Township**

Vance, Thomas -1-4-9

**East Nantmill Township**

Vance, Jacob 2-1-1

Vance, William 1-0-3

**Teediffrin Township**

Vance, Jacob 1-0-1-1

**Dauphin County**

Vance, Jacob 1-0-1

**Fayette County**

Vance, Patrick 2-1-3

Vance, David 1-0-1

Vance, Margaret 2-1-4-0-3

**Franklin County**

Vance, John 1-1-3

Vance, Patrick 3-3-4

**Lancaster County**

Vance, John 2-1-5

**Mifflin County**

Vance, William 2-2-1

Vance, John 2-0-0

**Northumberland County**

Vance, Thomas 1-2-1

**Philadelphia County**

Vance, Jacob 1-0-1

Vance, Adam 1-0-0

**Washington County**

Vance, Joseph 2-3-3

Vance, Mary 1-0-2

Vance, Isaac 1-2-3

Vance, Jno 1-2-4

**Westmoreland County**

Vance, William 1-0-1

Vance, Gilbert 1-3-4

**York County**

Vance, Adam 1-2-3

Vance, Peter 1-0-3

Vance, John 1-1-2

Vance, William 1-1-1

Note there are **5 men** named **Jacob Vance!** Need assistance identifying them. Only Jacob of Chester Co. and Margaret of Fayette Co. owned slaves. Who was the Patrick in Fayette Co., and Gilbert in Westmoreland Co.?



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Pennsylvania Archives  
Second Series

Volume II Marriage Licences Previous to 1790

- Pg. 251 1770, Jan 7 Van, Elizabeth and Aaron Thorn  
1764, Dec 22 Vance, John and Ann McNeer  
1768, M'ch 7 Vance, John and Martha Farmer  
1768, Nov 21 Vance, John and Mary Wood

Volume VIII Pennsylvania Marriages Volume I Prior to 1810 Christ Church

- Pg. 271 1777, Sept. 9 Vance, Cath., and Samuel Goff  
1792, Dec 16 Vance, Margaret, and David

Marriage Record Swedes' Church 1750-1810

- Pg. 551 1794, Sept. 30 Vance, Mary, and Alexander Greaves  
1791, April 28 Vance, Phebe, and Stephen Flanigan  
1795, March 6, Vance, Philip, and Mary Middleton  
1787, June 12, Vance, Humphrey and Elizabeth Stuard

Marriage Record German Reformed Church at Philadelphia 1748-1802

- Pg. 738 1768, Jan 24 Vance, John and Martha Farmer

Marriage Record First Baptist Church, Philadelphia 1761-1803

- Pg. 788 1788, Jan 7 Van, Elizabeth and Aaron Thorne  
1791, April 13 Vanse, Arthur

Volume IX Pennsylvania Marriages Volume II

First Presbyterian Church of Philadelphia 1702-1745 - 1760-1803

- Pg. 72 1746, June 5 Vance, Matthew, and Ann Jones

Marriage Record of the Presbyterian Church, Churchville, Bucks County 1738-1810

- Pg. 526 1772, Sept., 27 Van\_\_\_\_. Rachel and Phillippus Remise  
Pg. 527 1764, Dec 26 Vance, John and Ann McNear

Research of Robert Vance Seeberger  
Typed by Virginia Vance Lovett



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**John Vance of Chambers Town, PA  
Deposition re Land in Mason County  
by John Vance of Mason County KY  
Research of Gloria Lott**

This deposition of John Vance taken in conformity after an order of the county court of Mason pertaining (?) Testimony respecting the improvement boundaries and special calls of Vance preemption on on Mills Creek taken at the improvement site third Tuesday in September one thousand seven hundred and ninety six.

This deponent being sworn and deposith and sayeth that in the month of February one thousand seven hundred and seventy six he assisted in company with Samuel Boggs, William **Bartlett** and others to make an improvement & cabbin at this place for John Vance Senr. Of or near Chambers Town in Pennsylvania and that some vestages of the said improvement now shows still remains on the west side of said creek about ten poles or thereabouts from a sink hole spring from which he pointed and recognises the spot.

Question 1. By Mr. (?) Marshall as atty for Jesse Hood (?): Was said John Vance Senr in Kentucky at the time said improvement was made for him?

Answer: I believe he was not; he was not in the company which made the improvement.

Question 2. Was sd (said) John Vance Sr. in Kentucky previous to the granting of the claim by the court of commission?

Answer: Not to my knowledge. I never heard he was as I was intimately acquainted with him, it is probable I should have heard of it if he had.

Question 3. As sd (said) John Vance Senr was not in the country who was employed to make the improvement for him.

Answer: William Lindsey was to point out the spot and I was to make the improvement.

Question 4. Have you the Deponent obtained a preemption for improvement made in that year?

Answer: Yes

Questions by Thomas Young on behalf of Levi Todd:

Question 5<sup>th</sup>. Was not this William Lindsey's claim?

Answer: Not to my knowledge.

Question: Was this the spot pointed out by said Lindsey to build said Vance's cabbin?

Answer: Yes.

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Question: Was there not some grumbling in the company because Sam'l Lindsey had the best spring and the best land:

Answer: Not that I recollect.

Question: Did not said Lindsey first discover this spring?

Answer: I suppose he did, either him or his brother Joseph, I think did.

Question by Francis Taylor, **also for the heirs of said John Vance Senr.**

Question: Was you not paid by said Vance Senr. Making this improvement and cabbins?

Answer: I was. And further the Deponent sayeth not. Sworn to before John Johnston a Trustee of the Peace for said county the date above and attested by said Johnston and John Machir two of the commissioners appointed for the purpose and subscribed in their presence by the said Deponent.

His  
John X Vance  
Mark

Jno Machir  
John Johnston

We certify that the above Deposition was taken in presence of Barthalemeew Firzgerals and Robert Morrison & a Boulder marked V and hickory near the improvement with letters J V.

Jno Machir  
John Johnston

*Remarks by Kathleen Mason: Who was this John Vance who gave this deposition? He states he was intimately acquainted with the John Vance Sr. of Chambers Town, PA (Chambersburg, PA.) Note that John Vance Sr. was deceased by then, and this fits the profile/time frame of the John Vance in NL July 1994 pg. 91 where it is shown that this John Vance (Sr.) was deceased by 1786. NL Oct. 1994 pg. 114 gives his death as 1784. The John who gave the deposition states to his knowledge John Vance Sr. never came to Kentucky. I find it interesting that Jno Machir was a witness to the John Vance deposition. When Andrew Vance of Frederick Co. Va. wrote his will in 1750 (probated 1754) he left a son John Vance 5 shillings and no more, but left his land to be divided between three sons, Andrew, Alexander and Samuel. Where his son John went to has not been documented to date. Alexander was killed by Indians, and Andrew and Samuel had the land surveyed and divided it. Andrew Vance (Jr.) son of Andrew who died 1754, sold his inherited land 6 Dec 1785 to Alexander Machir. This is such an unusual name, one might surmise there possibly could be a clue here to help identify the John Vance who made the deposition in Mason County, KY. Was he the son of Andrew Vance who died in 1754 in Frederick Co., VA.*

**Certificate Book of the Virginia Land Commission  
Frankfort, Kentucky, Vol. 21, dated 1923  
Research of Virginia Lovett**

Page 128: "(Certificate issued for 1000 acres, fees and c pd D.D.) **Dav'd Vance** this day claimed a preemption to 1000 Acres of land at the State price in the district of Kentucky lying on the town fork of Elkhorn Creek anout one and half Miles from the Mouth thereof by marking & improving the same in the year 1776. Satisfactory proof being made to the Court they are of opinion that the S'd Vance has a right to preempt of 1000 Acres of land to include the above location and that a Cert. Issue accordingly."

Page 137: "(Certificate issued for 1000 Acres fees and c pd. D.D. R. Patterson) **John Vance** by **Da'vd Vance** this day claimed a preempt - of 1000 Acres of land at the state price in the district of Kentucky lying on a fork of the East branch of Licking Creek called Mill Creek to include his improvement by marking and improving the same in the year 1776 by building a cabbin and a satisfactory proof being made to the Court they are of opinion that the s'd Vance has a right to a preemption of 1000 Acres of land to include the above Location and that a Certificate (be) issue accordingly.

Page 241: "(Cert. Issd for 1000 d & c) Samuel Boggs by **David Vance** this day claimed a preemption to a tract of Land at the State price in the District of Kentucky on Acc't of marking and improving the same in the year 1776 lying on the waters of the east Fork of Licking Creek upon a branch called Mill Creek adjoining John Vance to include his improvement satisfactory proof being made to the Court they are of the opinion that the s'd Boggs has a right to preempt (\_\_\_?) of 2000 Acres of land to include the above Location and that a Cert. Issue accordingly."

Page 108: (Cert. For 1000 (acres) fees and c pd. D.D.) **John Vance** this day claimed a preemption to a tract of land in the district of Kentucky of 1000 Acres at the state price lying on the head Spring of Steel's run, a branch of the South Fork of the Elkhorn and about 3 miles from the fork of the South Fork to include his improvement by building a Cabbin on the premises in the year 1776 in the Month of Jan'y satisfactory proof being made to the Court they are of opinion that said Vance has a right to a preemption of 1000 Acres to include the s'd improvement & that a Certificate issue accordingly." (Was this John Vance the one who made the deposition??)

*Comments by Kathleen: These Certificates gives us further clues to help identify this John and David Vance. Careful study indicates again that John Vance (of Chambers Town, PA - see previous deposition) never came to Kentucky - that a certain David Vance made the claim for him on Mill Creek. David Vance also made a claim for Samuel Boggs. Note that Samuel Boggs' land adjoins that of John Vance. David Vance also made a claim for himself. Since John Vance Sr. of Chambers Town, PA had a brother David, (who later moved to Mecklenburg, NC), would it not be logical that this is the same David? These three brothers, Patrick, John (Sr.) and David all served in the Revolutionary War. We seek to find records of what happened to the land that these men had been issued certificates for. They met the requirements of building a cabbin. Did they abandon the claim? Note the deposition shows that Francis Taylor asked a question for the heirs of the said John Vance Senr. Was he a relative of John Vance Sr.'s wife Elizabeth?*

**CHRONICAL OF RECORDS OF JOSEPH VANCE  
FREDERICK CO. VA.**

14 Jun 1742 **Joseph Vance** was a witness to release of Jost Hite to James Vance (Orange Co.)

13 April 1744, Deed Book Pages 80-1 Frederick Co. Va.. Jost Hite sells to **Joseph Vance**, for 5 shillings for one year - 150 acres on both sides of Long Meadow, granted to Hite by patent, beginning at 2 white oaks, southwest 80 poles to a white oak, south 30° east 300 poles crossing the meadow to a black oak and white oak, northeast 80 poles to a white oak saplin, north 38° west 300 poles crossing the meadow to the beginning. Jost Hite signs. Lease witnessed by **David Vance**, Jno Hite. Jost Hite acknowledges his lease and same ordered to be recorded in court of Fryday 13 April 1744. J. Wood Clerk.

6 April 1744 6 April 1744. Jost Hite to **Joseph Vance**, for 5 pounds, sells above property. Jost Hite signs. Deed witnessed by **Da'd Vance**, Jno. Hite. Jost Hite acknowledges his deed and same ordered to be recorded in court of Fryday 13 April 1744. J. Wood Clerk.

1746. **Joseph Vance** on a Rent Roll list with 150 (acres) with George Harrison (his father-in-law) with 290 and 294 (acres). Frederick Co. Va.

Feb. 1748. **Joseph Vance** was a security for the witnesses to the will of Thomas Little of Frederick Co. Va.

28 March 1748 Frederick Co. Va. Deed Book 1, Page 375, George & Esther Harrison (his wife, maiden name Steward per Virginia Lovett), of Frederick Co. Va. leases to **Joseph Vance** of Frederick Co., Va. for five shillings, 150 acres, which said Harrison purchased of Joist Hite 1 September 1737. Description: Beginning at two White Oaks S 30 E 300 poles crossing the long meadow to a Hickory, thence southwest to two Hickorys 8 poles, N 30 W 300 poles crossing the said meadow southwest to the beginning. Signed George Harrison and Esther Harrison. Witnesses: G. Jones, Joseph Hite and William Reed.

1750 List of land holders in Frederick Co. Va., **Joseph Vance, David Vance, James Vance.**

4 Sept 1750 Frederick Co. Va. Thomas Fairfax to **Joseph Vance**, Grant H-550 for 126 acres adjacent his own land and George Harrison, John Laruck. Chain carriers John & George Laruck. Surveyed by John Baylis. Abstracts of Northern Neck Warrants & Surveys, by Joyner Peggy Shows

8 May 1771, Frederick Co. Va., Deed Book 14, Page 483. Henry & Barbara (his wife, and widow of Jacob Miller and mother of Wolrick Miller) Ott, of Frederick Co., Virginia sell to **Joseph Vance** of Frederick Co., Virginia for two pounds, a half acre of land in the town of Woodstock. Signed Henry Ott, the mark of Barbara Ott and Wolrick Miller. No witnesses.

5 Aug 1772, **Joseph Vance** called "well beloved son-in-law" in will of George Harrison. (Robert Warth was also called the same) Frederick Co. Va.

2 March 1773, Frederick Co. Va. Deed Book 16, Page 5. **Joseph Vance**, of Frederick Co. Va., leases to Nicholas Helmick, of Frederick Co., Va., for 5 shillings, 126 acres...on a branch of

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Crooked Run...bounded by the patent of said **Joseph Vance** and George Harrison. Surveyed by John Baylis...cites Thomas Fairfax to Joseph Vance 8 November 1754...corner to John Laricks. Signed **Joseph Vance**. No Witnesses. The property was released 3 March 1773 for 100 pounds. Recorded Book 16 pg. 5.

2 March 1773, Frederick Co. Va. **Joseph Vance** sells to Abe Kendrick. Deed Book 16 Pg. 9. This deed sells 300 acres in Frederick Co., Long Meadow area, which was two different purchases he made from George Harrison and Jost Hite, 150 acres each.

27 March 1781, Shenandoah Co. Va. Deed Book F., Page 503. **Joseph Vance**, of Frederick Co. Va. sells to Samuel Vance, of Shenandoah Co., Virginia, for 6 pounds, 12 shillings, 0.5 acres in town of Woodstock, known as No. 6...corner of Spring Street on west side of Queen Street...part of a larger tract that was granted to Jacob Miller, by deed from Proprietor of Northern Neck 2 April 1752 and by will of said Miller to his wife Barbara Miller. Said lot was ½ acre conveyed by Henry & Barbara (his wife, late Barbara Miller) Ott to Joseph Vance 8 May 1771. Signed: **Joseph Vance**, in the presence of James Willson, Hugh Brown, George North and Josiah Jenkins.

**Note Joseph Vance is cited of Frederick County Va., in these documents where he buys and sells land. The above shows he sold all the land that we have a record of him purchasing.**

*Some comments: No one has ever sent in any document that shows if Joseph Vance had children. Some logical candidates that were in the area:*

- **George Vance** who witnessed the will of **David Vance (Jr.)** probated 1768 has been a mystery as to what family he belonged to, as George was not a name frequently used in that area. In Frederick Co. VA Order Book 16 p. 21: Upon the attachment of **George Vance** against George Lusk, the Garnishee Bryan Bruin (who bought land from **David Vance Jr.** See NL April 1992, pg 36/7) was ordered to pay to **George Vance** what he owed Lusk to satisfy the judgment 15 Nov 1769. Virginia Lovett commented perhaps **George** could be the son of **Joseph Vance**, named after his father-in-law **George Harrison**. Also, see NL Oct. 1987, pg. 81 where a **George Vance**, Scout, delivered a letter from **John Vance** (son of Samuel/Colville of Frederick Co./Washington Co. Va. to his brother **Robert Vance** at Vance's Fort in Pa. Is this the same **George Vance**?
- **Joseph Vance** (born 1753) who lived in Washington County, Va, and married Nancy Bradley. Could he be the son of the above **Joseph**, and moved with the group that left Frederick County to settle in Washington Co. Va See NL Jan 1996 pg 8-13.?
- **Samuel Vance's** Revolutionary War Pension Record (VFA NL Jan 1989) pg 7, and July 1996 pg 86/7) filed in Greene Co. TN., states he was 78 years of age in 1832 (born 1754). He enlisted from Washington Co. Va. Logically, he came to that area with some other Vances known to be from Frederick Co. Va.. At his estate sale in Greene Co. TN. it was interesting that a certain **Joseph Vance** bought sundry items, including a Hymn Book. Was he the son of this **Samuel**, who named a son after his own father? Can this **Samuel** qualify as a candidate to be son of **Joseph Vance** of Frederick Co. Va.? Mary Norfleet found these marriage records in Greene Co. TN. **Joseph Vance** married Rebecca Kilday on 16 Oct 1826. **Harrison Vance** married Hiley Rudder in Greene Co. TN. On 1 Mar 1847. In the 1850

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Greene Co. TN. Census "**Harrison**" **Vance** is listed as **George H. Vance**, age 24, b. TN, wife Hilley Vance, age 26 born TN. and son William Vance, age 5/12. Need to identify these men's parents. The names **George Harrison Vance** and **Joseph Vance** add weight to this theory.

- Others?

**Some men in Frederick County that we seek the parents/relationship to others:**

1. **Samuel Vance #1871.** This **Samuel Vance** b. 1746 was married to Hannah (Ann) Warth. See plat NL Apr 1987 pg.36. The corner of this **Samuel's** land touched a corner of **Joseph Vance's** land, subject of previous article. (This land of **Samuel Vance** was originally owned by R. Warth, whose son sold it to his brother-in-law **Samuel Vance.**) This plat does not include all of **Joseph's** land. Can this **Samuel** be a candidate to be the son of **Joseph**, subject of previous article instead of the **Samuel** who moved to Washington Co. Va., later of Greene Co. Tn.?
2. **Ann Deveney Vance.** Who was the Vance male who was married to Ann DeVeney (widow) in the Hite Trial? Her previous husband was Hugh, and son was Charles DeVeney.. Reference: Pg. 107 of the Hite & Green vs. Fairfax Trial. The deposition was dated 3 March, 1770. Ann is stated to be age 60 upwards, and that about 24 years ago her husband Hugh Deveney was told at George Bowman's (residence) that if he could find the Denny tract, he could settle it, on the same terms as the others. A deed was produced by Charles Deveney dated Oct. 7, 1750.
3. **David Vance who died Independence Co. Ark. Terr.** See Oct. 1988 NL pg. 104 for his pension record which states he was born in Winchester, Va. Aug. 25, 1757. His profile of where he enlisted, where he resided in 1780-98 in S.C. fits the profile to be the son of **Samuel Vance, Sr.** born 1726 and died in Surry Co. N.C. May 26, 1789. A **David** is the first child named in **Samuel's** will, dated 29 March 1789 in Surry Co. N.C. . Several of **Samuel's** sons lived in Laurens Co. SC. See NL Oct. 1996, pg. 114-123 - note a **David Vance** was shown also on the census.. It is of interest to note that **Samuel** of Surry Co. named a son **Nathaniel**, who named a son **Nathaniel Carr Vance.** (pg 117 above cited NL) It is thought, but not proven that **Samuel's** wife Aley (Alice?) might be a Carr. On 7 March 1765, Frederick Co. Va. Will Book 3, Page 259 the settlement of the estate of Reese Pritchard by Joseph Jones and Eleanor his wife, executors, several names are mentioned, among them are Nathaniel Carr and Samuel Vance. Was this the **Samuel Vance** who later moved to Surry Co. NC?. Here we have a **Samuel Vance** and **Nathaniel Carr** mentioned in the same document. Does this help us establish that **Samuel Vance** of Surry Co. NC. once lived in Frederick Co. Va. at least for some period of time where his son David was born? **Samuel** bought 640 acres of land in Haw River and Belews Creek on November 3, 1784, recorded Book C pg 146 in old Surry County, North Carolina. Without this Revolutionary War pension record of **David Vance**, we would not have a clue that this **Samuel** once lived in Winchester, Va. Is this circumstantial evidence valid?
4. **James Vance.** See NL July 1989 pg. 79. Calendar of Virginia State papers and Other Manuscripts Vol. 4, pg. 438, dated May 10, 1788, Richmond, Va. Three judges review several cases, among them was a **James Vance, late of Frederick Co. Va.,** who was convicted of horse stealing. We don't have a clue as to who his parents were.

- Research of Kathleen Mason, Grace Dotson, Virginia Lovett and Mary Norfleet.

**A DREAM COME TRUE - THANKS VFA**

**By Ruby Harrison, 4301 Highland Park, Meridian, MS 39307**

Our historian and good friend Kathleen Mason called me one day in 1995 with the good news she had found my great, great, great, great Grandfather David Vance (#2933) of Mecklenburg, North Carolina, the father of my James Vance (#1075) of Wayne County, Mississippi. She had written an article about him in the October 1988 VFA Newsletter, page 102. I had wanted to go to Charlotte and Raleigh, North Carolina to research David Vance since I had read her article.

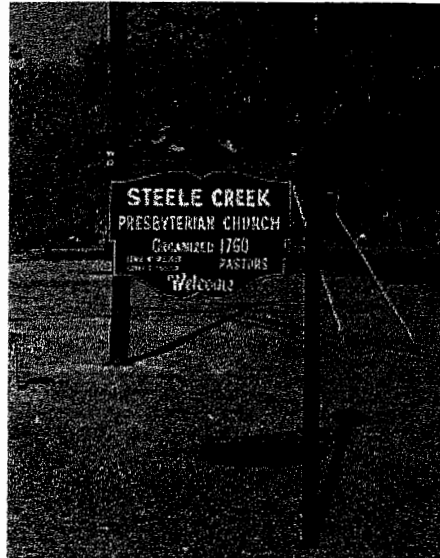
Last fall my friend, Becky Chaney and I went to Raleigh. We stopped in Charlotte to see if we could locate the Steele Creek Cemetery where David Vance was buried in 1800. Before we left home I called several places hoping to get the exact location of the cemetery. No luck! One of Becky's fellow workers mentioned he had traveled a Steele Creek Road when he visited his daughter in Charlotte. I was not expecting to find a cemetery that was 200 years old in the short time we had. Most old cemeteries are out in the woods somewhere. We were driving down Steele Creek Road and I was telling Becky I had read in Kathleen Mason's article that the cemetery had a stone wall around it. Just about that time I saw a church and a cemetery with a beautiful four foot stone wall around it. I shouted to Becky to STOP! I thought this was it, and it was. There is no record of a specific date for an organized church at Steele Creek, but it is generally conceded that a congregation was organized in 1760. Long previous to that time, probably mid 1740's there was occasional preaching in the Steele Creek community by missionaries and traveling preachers.

We went into the old part of the cemetery and found the graves of David Vance, his son William and wife Rachald, baby daughter Ruth, James L. and Robert D. Vance. The tombstones were still standing and readable even though they were weather beaten and almost 200 years old. His tombstone had a coat of arms on it. I humbly stood where my great great great grandfather James Vance stood almost 200 years ago when his father David was buried. After taking photos, we went into the church office and met the Secretary, Pastor and others. They had a book *The History of Steele Creek Presbyterian Church 1745-1978*. I purchased a copy which I treasure. Early history of that area was included as well as all tombstone records.

My David Vance was on the roll of Capt. Clement Hall's Company, in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, commanded by Col. John Patton, White Plains, Sept. 9, 1778 (pages 506/7). A list of warrants for lands granted by law October 14, 1782, shows the officers and soldiers in the Continental Line were granted land, and David Vance, Pvt. was issued Warrant #1319, for 228 acres, for 30 months service. He died February 28, 1800. He did not leave a will, but a quit claim deed was recorded in Book 18, page 135, June 3, 1801 Mecklenburg Co. N.C. His wife Ruth is named, as well as his children James, David, Martha - wife of John Wilson, Jane - wife of Gideon Thompson, Ruth - wife of David Abernathy, William and Samuel.

*Note from Kathleen:* Ruby joined VFA in 1991. If she had ordered the back Newsletters then, she would have immediately found the article with her James Vance shown as son of David Vance. It was not until I sent in some Bible Records to Bruce for the Data Base that this hookup was possible. These Family Record Sheets and Bible Records are very important. So are the back Newsletters!! The newsletters are not a part of the data base.

***RUBY HARRISON VISITS GRAVE OF ANCESTOR DAVID VANCE #2933,  
1737-1800***





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ABSTRACTS FROM JEFFERSON COUNTY, TENNESSEE HISTORY  
Submitted by Margaret Vance Webb

- Article 14      R.B.Vance paid tuition 1861 St.Paul Church used for school.
- Article 29      Early settlers: The Vance family were listed with Adam Meek, one of the first settlers in present-day Jefferson County in 1785 who settled at headwaters of Beaver Creek. Less than 1 mile from Meeks house was a large cave used as a haven for families against Indian raids.
- Article 195      Coile Family Account  
John Wesley Coile (1877-1947) married a Vance. Submitter: Joyce Bobbitt,2081 Hampton Hill Dr.,Memphis,TN 38134-6263.
- Article 242      Sir Robert Foster Account  
Edmond Foster, born 1826 married Harriet J. Vance. Submitter: Sharee Foster Long,4180 Peace Dr.,Morristown,TN 37814.
- Article 296      Hinchey Family  
Mariah Elizabeth "Lizzie" Hinchey, born 16 March 1877 Jefferson County,Tennessee, died 1 Oct 1964 Knoxville, preceded in death by her 2 husbands, Interred at New Market Cemetery, Jefferson County,Tennessee.  
Survived by step-son: Ernest Vance of New Market.  
Lizzie married (1) Wm.Smith  
Lizzie married (2) James K. Vance  
Submitter Deone Percy, PO Box 1311, Tehachapi,CA 93581-1311.
- Article 303      James Hinshaw Account  
James Hinchey changed his name to Hinshaw.  
Died 1946 survived by sister Mrs. James K. (Mary Lizzie ) Vance.  
Submitter: Deone Percy(above)
- Article 304      William A. Hodges Account  
William Albert Hodges was named for his maternal grandfather William Vance.  
His mother was Willie Kate Vance.  
Submitter: Kurt Hodges, PO Box 86, Jefferson City,Tennessee 37760
- Article 412      Moser Account  
Philp Moser, born 1774 Germany married Sara Vance 4 Apr 1796. Settled in Jefferson County on Nolichucky River ca 1798. One child was named Joseph Vance Moser.  
Submitter: Hugh Moser III 946 Old Andrew Johnson Hwy,Talbott, Tennessee 37877.
- Article 415      Philip Moser (A Methodist)  
son of Augustine Moser of Black Forest in s.w. Germany.  
Philip Moser, born 17 May 1774 Germany, emigrated to Scotland 1790s where he married Sarah Vance on 4 April 1796. Sarah Vance was born 10 December 1776, a Presbyterian Covenanter whose family fled from Germany to mountains of Scotland to escape persecutions by Catholics.  
Philip Moser, a skilled cabinet maker, & Sarah to Virginia then to East Tennessee in Jefferson County now part of Hamblen County in Long Creek community at mouth of Long Creek where Philip owned a grist mill on his 800 acres.  
Mosers active in founding Westminster Presbyterian Church (later called St.Paul) in Jefferson County. He served as Elder and an official of the church.  
Sarah Vance Moser died of "chills" 6 July 1849, Jefferson County,Tennessee.  
Submitter: Ann E. Sutherland, 1310 Joe Hinton Rd.,Apt N, Knoxville,TN 37931.
- Article 466      Reneau,Reno Account  
Margaret Vance Reno named daughter of John Reno & Susannah Thorn, early settlers of Washington County now Carter County,Tennessee.  
Submitter: Sue Reneau Da mewood,7804 Castle Comb Rd./,Powell,TN 37849.
- Article 476      Rimmer Account—Susan D. Rimmer (1831-1856) married Thomas "Jim" Vance & had Jim & Mary Vance.  
Submitter: Betty Rimmer Bacon, 1841 River Shores, Knoxville,TN 37914.
- Article 539      Thresher Account  
Joseph Garrett Thresher, born Jefferson County 1853, married Pheobe Adeline "Addie" Foster, daughter of Edmond A. and Harriett Jane (Vance) Foster of Blue Springs area, Jefferson County,Tennessee.  
Submitter: Bonnie Whitaker, 1915 Forest Av.,Knoxville,TN 37916.

**SAMUEL VANCE - CHRISTINA WEAVER**  
**BURKE/BUNCOMBE CO. NC - BEDFORD CO. TENNESSEE**  
Research of Mary Ewart

**Reference: Vance Birthplace State Historic Site**, letter dated September 10, 1996, signed David Tate, Site Manager: "Information compiled by Blanche Robertson, a resident of the Reems Creek community."

"Samuel Vance was born April 18, 1783 , in Burke County, NC, to David and Priscilla Vance. He married Christina Weaver, the daughter of John Weaver, sometime in 1810 in Buncombe County, NC. They moved to Bedford County, TN sometime before 1811., and Samuel died there on March 13, 1849.

One of Samuel's and Christina's children was named David R. Vance and he was born in Bedford County, TN in 1817. He married Ann E. \_\_\_\_\_, before 1848 and he died sometime before 1862."

**Reference: Bedford County TN Circuit Court Records:**

Pg. 145, Court Record Page 212 - Ab L. Landers, admr upon the estate of Leighton Ewell, deceased vs Mary Ewell, William P. Chamberlain and wife Martha, Lewis W. Hall and wife Lucy, George W. Heard and wife Katherine, John H. Scott and wife Virginia, Alexander Kimbro and wife Sarah, John Ewell, Philip L. Ewell, Joseph Ewell, **David R. Vance and wife Ann E.**, William M. Ewell, Asa M. Elkins and wife Ann of Texas, and Dabney Ewell.

John Ewell departed this life in Bedford County in the year 1826. His will leaves wife Mary slaves, household and kitchen furniture & horses. Above children in case are listed in the will. Widow divided all personal and real property on 24 August 1848. She died 1861. ...Son Leighton Ewell departed this life after his father in 1831, out of state and left two children **Ann E. who married David R. Vance** and William Ewell a minor. (this case proves who David R. Vance married.)

Pg. 181, Court Record Pg. 86, filed Aug 29, 1848, Dabney Ewell, exr. Petition to sell land. David R, Vance and wife Ann E. are named from Bedford County, along with other siblings. Total acres in estate 950 acres plus 11 acres.

Pg. 265, Court Records Pg. 150. O Bill, filed February 5, 1855. David R. Vance vs Christina Vance, Eliza J. Vance, and Robert Vance and Elizabeth Vance. David R. Vance states that his father Samuel Vance made his will in 1845, to wit, "To my two sons, David R. Vance and Robert B. Vance, I give and bequeath my tract of land I now live on containing 547 acres, which I desire to be equally divided between them, or as near as can be on account of water and timber, which one draws the least share, the other to pay over to him until they become equal". And in March 1849 he added a codicil in these words, "I do further desire and direct that my wife Christina Vance have full possession of my residence, and be supported from and upon the possession of my farm and during her natural life." A few days after making this cocicil, the testor, who resided in Bedford County and in which the land referred to are situated, died, and at April term 1849 of Bedford County court siad will and codicil were proven and admitted to record in said County Court and your orator David R. Vance and Willis Blanton executors. Robert B. Vance was in possession of the homestead until his death in 1852. Robert B. left a widow Elizabeth Vance in or about 7 or 8 months after the death of her husband, gave birth to a son, who she named after his deceased father Robert Vance, all of which now live in Arkansas. Samuel and Christina Vance lived in their homestead about 30 tears in Bedford County. Robert B. Vance built a house on said land, dwelling made of good frame house with brick chimneys, worth \$300.00.

Pg. 272, Court Records Pg. 31. Scott & Whitson, Exrs vs Sallie Vance and others. O. Bill, 6 January 1865. John B. Scott temporarily residing in the state of North Carolina and Samuel R. (K) Whitson of Bedford County, executors of the Last Will and Testament of David R. Vance, deceased, filed against Sallie Vance, Susan C. Vance, and Virginia C. Vance, all minors and children of David R. Vance.

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John I (Q). Davidson as regular guardian who resides in Bedford County except Virginia C. Vance who is temporarily residing in South Carolina. Your orators beg leave to stay that David R. Vance, late of Bedford County died at his residence in Bedford County in July 1861 after making his Last Will and Testament. Your orators are his executors, approved and will proven \_\_\_\_ Term 1861. David R. Vance was the owner of a large real and personal estate in Bedford County, he bequeathed to his three daughters, above named. 1<sup>st</sup> - In his will that his remains be decently buried by the side of his deceased wife. 2<sup>nd</sup> - He willed that his mother be apply provided for out of the personal property on the place. 3<sup>rd</sup> - he willed and bequeathed that all of his just debts should be paid by his executors as soon as possible. 4<sup>th</sup> - He willed and bequeathed that all his personal property, including his slaves be sold at public sale by his executors on 12 months credit bond and good security to be taken from purchases. 5<sup>th</sup> - After the death of his mother, he willed and bequeathed that his executors should sell his land to the highest bidder at public sale on a credit of one, two and three years, bond and good security to be taken and a lien retained till purchase money should be paid, and the money when collected should be loaned on good security for the benefit of his daughters, Sally, Susan C and Virginia C. Vance. 6<sup>th</sup> - He appointed Scott & Whitson as executors. Samuel K. Whitson wrote said will, and thinks the terms of the same are substantially set forth. At \_\_\_\_ Term 186\_ of Bedford County Court, said John I. Davidson was appointed guardian for said minor heirs, who are the only legatees and Mrs. Christina Vance, is still living, but is quite an old lady. Her son David R. Vance lived with her and they carried on the farm in partnership, and the provision in the will that she should be provided for, was intended, so understood and acted on by the family, to allow her to divide the stock and provisions on hand until she could be satisfied and to remain upon the Old Homestead during the remnant of her days, where she still resides.

Pg. 307: Samuel Vance died March 1849 Bedford County, left widow Christina Vance.

Robert B. Vance died (no date), son of Samuel Vance.

Pg. 314: Died: Samuel Vance died before 1849 Bedford County. David R. Vance died July 1861 Bedford County, widow is deceased.



Research of Grace Dotson: Reference: *Vance Family of VA., PA., NC and TN and Brank Family of NC and KY* by Kay Dixon. Copy of exert of an old letter dated April 1891, Shelbyville, Tn written to Theodore F. Davidson (a cousin) by Robert Brank Davidson, nephew of Samuel Vance of above article.

"In an old statue of North Carolina, 1785, ch 13, Sec 17, David Vance, Edward Hunter and Russell Jones were appointed auditors for the district of Morgan. And, in Chapter 14, Sec 4 of the same year the name David Vance appears in connection with others relating to land in the Morgan District. David Vance, had in middle Tennessee, in Bedford County, and in Lincoln County, a good many grants for land in these counties. He willed one tract jointly to my mother and her sister Sarah McLean near the line between Bedford County and Rutherford County. He willed a large tract in Lincoln Co. to his son Samuel Vance; and had several tracts in Bedford County to his sons David and Robert.

I bought suit when a young lawyer about the year 1845 and recovered considerable amount against parties who had adverse possession. He, our grandfather David Vance, was himself a surveyor and a curious fact came out in a suit more than 50 years ago. A witness said he was with the surveyor, David Vance, who was old and one-eyed,.... and he, the witness took the old man on his back and carried him over (a rocky area)."



**Christina Weaver Vance, wife of Samuel Vance**  
**Research of William Vance, Brevard, NC**

*Prefatory Remarks by Kathleen Mason: Just as I had finished putting together the article on Samuel Vance, William Vance sent me an e-mail containing the will of Christina Weaver Vance. This contained names of children not mentioned in the previous documents! I began to wonder how one could ascertain when one had found the complete facts. Since all the children were not mentioned by name in the land transactions, this will, and family records we will have hopefully the complete family of Samuel and Christina Weaver Vance.*

***Abstract of Christina Weaver Vance's Will, dated 9 Feb 1865, recorded in Court House of Bedford County, Shelbyville, TN.***

- To my daughter, Margarette Osborne two negro boys, John and Thomas, to have as her own, separate property from her husbands.
- I desire that all m household furniture of every kind and kitchen articles to be equally divided between my three daughters or their children, Caroline, Jane and Margaret.
- My daughter Caroline's three daughters to have their mother's share of household and kitchen goods or furniture. (assume Caroline is deceased?)
- I direct all stock and out plunder of every kind all moneys and notes and bonds of every kind, the stock to be sold for cash as my Executor may think best and the proceeds to be equally divided between all my children and their heirs.
- My desire and request is that my old and faithful servant Jim, a colored man - that if I should die before he should, that my Executor shall take care of Jim and see that when he dies, that he may be decently buried.
- Lastly, I nominate and appoint John E. Hall my Executor.

Christina Vance (SEAL)

Signed, sealed, published in presence of John D. Davidson, John E. Hall.

State of Tennessee, Joseph H. Thompson, Clerk of Bedford County, County Court certified the foregoing was a full, true and perfect copy of the original will of Christina Vance, deceased, proven and admitted to record at the term 186\_. Of said Court. (The last digit of that date was omitted, so we only know she died in 1860's after date of her will.)

Blanche Robertson, a friend of William Vance, who sent in this information, also has a list with more complete information of children in the family, not named in documents.

1. Priscilla Caroline Vance b. June 25, 1814, d. December 12, 1855, married Willis Blanton, buried in Vance Cemetery near present day Lake Bedford, TN.
2. David R. Vance b. ca 1817 TN d. July 1861 m. Ann. Ewell
3. 'Unknown' Vance b. ca 1819, d. y.
4. Eliza A. C. . Vance b. ca 1821
5. Robert Brank Vance b. 18 Aug 1825, TN, d. 24 Sept 1852, buried Vance Cemetery, Lake Bedford, TN.
6. Elizabeth Jane Vance. b. ca 1829 TN
7. Margaret E. Vance b. ca 1830 m. \_\_\_\_\_ Osborne

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In a letter written November 7, 1862 by Col. James Thomas Weaver at Murfessboro written to his brother William McKendree Weaver in Buncombe County, NC, he states "I have been to visit Aunt Christina Vance. She lives 30 miles above here close to the Railroad. I spent a very pleasant day, but sad to say Cousin David Vance, Eliza and Bob (Robert Brank) are all dead. I found old Aunt as sprightly as a gal, and well posted on politics, scriptures, and everything, as any woman you have seen in a long while, as she is the strongest secessionist you have ever met with in a while. The Yankees took everything from her that they could."



**PITTSYLVANIA COUNTY, VIRGINIA**  
**SIMION VANCE**  
**Research of Grace Dotson**

Reference: *Old Survey Book #1 1742-1782, Pittsylvania, County, Virginia.*

Page 174. 14 February 1770. Surveyed for John Donelson 470 acres of land on the branches of Straightstone Creek. Bounded as follows: Viz: Beginning at Earvans (?) and Wilcox's corner..along Wilcox's line...to **Simion Vance's** line (it is indexed with this spelling). Straightstone Creek is in the northeast corner of Pittsylvania County, near where Campbell, Halifax and Pittsylvania Counties meet. Who is this Simion Vance?



**EARLY TENNESSEE TAX RECORDS**  
**Research of Kathleen Mason**

Reference: *Early Tennessee Tax Lists, by Sisler.* 1977. Pg. 201.

**Vance:**

**David**, Blount Co. 1801, 1805  
**David**, Jefferson Co. 1822  
**Hugh**, Washington Co. 1819  
**James**, Jefferson Co. 1800, 1822  
**John**, Jefferson Co. 1800 (2)  
**John**, Sullivan Co. 1797, 1812  
**John**, Giles Co. 1812  
**John Sr.**, Sullivan Co. 1812  
**John**, Carter Co. 1796  
**John Esq.**, Sullivan Co. 1796  
**Patrick**, Grainger Co. 1804, 1805  
**Robert**, Jefferson Co. 1822  
**Samuel**, Greene Co. 1805, 1812 (2)  
**Thomas**, Warren Co. 1812  
**Thomas**, Greene Co. 1783  
**William**, Giles Co. 1812  
**William K.** Washington Co. 1814, 1819



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**NOTES ON SOME DESCENDANTS OF DAVID VANCE SR.  
of Ireland and Fayette Co. KY**

Submitted by Susan A. Henderson

The first proven Vances in what is now Fayette Co. KY were **David Vance Jr.** (? Ireland - 1789 KY) and his brother **John Vance** (? Ireland -c1805 Fayette Co., KY), who settled there in 1775. They were followed to Kentucky in the 1780s by their father, **David Vance Sr.**, three siblings, and **John's** daughter **Jane**. Other Vances appeared in Fayette Co. before 1800, including two **Patrick Vances** and a **William Vance** for whom we have not accounted. They were not issue of **David Vance Sr.**, but might have been nephews. These notes are offered in the hope that one or more members of the Vance Family Association will recognize kin or clues leading to kin, and take up the work of sorting out these Vances.

In the January 1994 issue of its newsletter at pages 8 - 10, the Vance Family Association published some excerpts from *Fayette County Kentucky Records*,<sup>1</sup> relating to this family, but not the abstract of the record in *Robert Tucker and Jane Tucker his Wife v. David Vance* that was recorded in Fayette Co. Record Book "F" at page 460, on 29 Sep 1819 (I *Fayette County Kentucky Records* 352-3). This abstract provides significant additional information about the family:

By agreement of attorneys, certain facts admitted:

- (1) In consideration of preemption treasury warrant No. 281, issued March 1780, granted to 1,000 acres of land, by survey dated February 10, 1783, in Fayette County on Town Fork of Elkhorn.
- (2) That **David Vance** was born in Ireland but migrated to America before 1775, and in 1775 came to Kentucky and never returned to Ireland nor left the United States.
- (3) That **David Vance**, patentee, departed this life in 1789 without children, intestate, having held land under his patent and in actual possession.
- (4) That the patent emanated to said **David Vance** on his own right of preemption.
- (5) That **David Vance** left living at the time of his death, his father **David Vance, Sr.**, and his brothers, **John Vance, James Vance, Joseph Vance**, and sister **Jane Vance**, wife of **John Porter**.
- (6) That **David Vance, Sr.**, the father of **James, Joseph** and **Jane Vance**, and his children, were born in Ireland and migrated from thence to America about 1787, excepting **Jane**, who migrated in 1785 or 1786, and were never naturalized at any time before death of **David Vance**, the patentee.
- (7) That **John Vance**, brother of **David** the patentee, migrated from Ireland and came to Kentucky at the same time—say 1775—and ever afterwards made Kentucky his place of residence until his death, in 1804 or 1805, intestate, leaving **Jane Tucker** his only child.
- (8) That **Jane Tucker** was born in Ireland about 1773 and intermarried with **Robert Tucker** about 1794, being then of full age.
- (9) That said **Robert Tucker** and **Jane** his wife migrated to this State from Ireland, **Robert** about 1787 and **Jane** about 1788, and have resided in same ever since.

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\*Copies of this excellent five volume set of early Fayette County court and marriage records, compiled by Michael L. Cook and Bettie A. Cummings Cook, can be purchased from Cook Publications, 3318 Wimberg Ave., Evansville IN 47712.

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- (10) That defendant was in possession of the land in declaration mentioned at commencement of this suit.

Defendant's answer: In year 1789 **David Vance, Sr.** took possession of this preemption claiming as his own as heir at law to his son, **David Vance**, grantee. He divided it into several parts by lines plainly marked, and the parcel embracing the tract now in controversy was assigned to his son **Joseph Vance** who accordingly took possession and lived on it until his death in 1807, and his daughter **Jane** has since continued on it as her own estate.

*Also, Fayette County Kentucky Records I, pp.38-39 provides abstracts of depositions that confirm the early presence of the Vance brothers in Fayette Co. Page references are to Fayette Co. Record Book A.*

p. 355, Deposition of **Seneca McCracken** (taken in Franklin County at his home, April 21, 1800): In the month of April or May 1776 he in company with **Cyrus McCracken, Ovid McCracken, David Vance** and **John Vance** went to a Cove spring which he now knows to be in Scott County being on the north side of north fork of Elkhorn, which water running from said spring is known by name of McCracken's branch and that they then and there did proceed to make an improvement at said spring by building a cabin and deadening trees and he in company with said men did proceed on nearly a south course half or  $\frac{3}{4}$  a mile from said spring to a branch known by name of Yellow Bank and there made another improvement by building another cabin and deadening trees and deponent says he has been at the above spring 3 or 4 months ago and knows it to be the same spring that improvement was made at.

p. 356, Deposition of **John Vance** (taken at tavern of **Robert Megowan** in Lexington on April 28, 1800): That about the month of May 1776 he was at a Cove spring (where **Robert Allen, Sr.** now lives in Scott county) in company with **Cyrus McCracken, Ovid McCracken, Seneca McCracken** and **David Vance**, and this deponent saith the party at that time made an improvement at that spring which was done by order of **Cyrus McCracken**. Further saith that the same day that the above mentioned improvement was made, he went with the same company as named above to the place which he showed the Commissioners **James Johnson** and **John Rodes** in the latter part of the year 1799, and where they had made a common improvement cabin and girth a number of trees, which **Cyrus McCracken** said was for his brother **William McCracken**.

p. 358, Deposition of **John Vance** (taken at **Robert Megowan's** Tavern in Lexington, June 14, 1800): In 1776 he was requested by **Cyrus McCracken** who was disabled by a wound he had received to assist in repairing some improvements he had before made. They went out he thinks some time late in May and that year, on the north side of Fork of Elkhorn and remade several improvements and came to what is now called the Cove spring although they did not know it by that name, where they built a cabin and encamped all night. The next day this deponent says they started to go home towards Main Elkhorn and steered a south or south west course and there made another cabin, the distance was a mile one from the other. Deponent asked **Cyrus McCracken** at the last place why he improved so far from the water and the said **Cyrus McCracken** told him he made the improvement for his brother **Bill**, and that if he could not get the water to the cabin he would take the cabin to the water. The name of McCracken's run was applied to the water as named by **Mister Maxwell**. The improvement at the Cove spring in 1776 when I was there with **Cyrus McCracken** was some deadenings and some letters on a tree but no cabin, but we made a cabin before we left it. At the second place we

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built a cabin of common size and made large deadenings. **Cyrus McCracken, Ovid McCracken, Seneca McCracken, David Vance** and myself were along. The branch nearest to it is now known by the name of Yellow Bank.

p. 380, Deposition of **John Vance** (taken at house of **James Lindsay** on August 5, 1801, before **Lewis Nuchols** and **Samuel Shepard**, Justices of the Peace for Scott County): That in the year 1776 he in company with others assisted **William Lindsay**, deceased, to build a cabin near a cave spring where **Henry Lindsay** now lives and from that time until the present I have understood the branches running from said spring making the principal of what is called Lindsay's run at that branches coming in on either side ought not to be considered the run so properly as the one leading down from said Lindsay's improvement at said Cave spring. Question by plaintiff: Did you in the year 1780 understand or know anything of a survey called **Edmund Taylor's**? Answer: I did hear such a survey talked of which I understood to lay on South Elkhorn. Question by defendant: What part of the waters of Elkhorn did you understand to be called the south fork in the year 1780? Answer: From the mouth of the Town Fork upward being the branch that **McBride's** mill is on and I understood some part of **Edmund Taylor's** survey to be above the mouth of Town Fork but did not hear that any part was below the mouth of Town fork as I recollect. Question by plaintiff: Did you understand in the year 1780 that the branch that McBride's mill is on was called South Elkhorn below the mouth of Town Fork? Answer: I considered it so.

Many years later, **James Vance** gave a deposition which was recorded in *Fayette Co. Record Book G* at p. 361 (abstract from *I Fayette County Kentucky Records 132-3*):

p. 361, Deposition of **James Vance** (taken at dwelling of **Francis Moore**, April 5, 1822, in Fayette county): I came into this neighborhood in the fall or winter of 1789 and have lived within one mile of the land in controversy ever since. The controversy over this land has been talked of in the neighborhood for years. There was a great deal of talk about it after **Richard Steele** returned from Pennsylvania where he bought up the claim of **Barnard McNitt**. I first heard my brother **David** speak of the interference between him and McNitt's preemptions.

From the records quoted above, wills of **Joseph** and **James Vance** published in the January 1994 issue of the *Vance Family Association Newsletter*, and marriage records reported in *III Fayette County Kentucky Records*, we have developed a preliminary sketch of this family.

I. **David Vance Sr.** (bef. 1740 Ireland - aft 1819 KY) came to Kentucky from Ireland around 1788. We assume that he was at least in his 30s in 1773 when he became grandfather to Jane Vance, per the stipulations quoted above. This is the source of our estimate that he was born before 1740. There was a twenty-some year gap between the births of **David Jr.** and **John** in the 1750s, and their younger siblings **Jane** and **James** in the 1770s. Our hunch, but it is no more than supposition, is that **David Vance Sr.** married two or more times, and the younger children were of a second set. The stipulations do not mention David's wife, and we suspect that she or they died in Ireland. The stipulations name four sons and one daughter:

A. **John Vance** (bef 1757 Ireland - c1805 KY) married Hannah , or perhaps a first wife, \_\_\_\_ around 1772. His only known child, **Jane**, was born in 1773. We have assumed he must have been at least 16 at the time she was born, and this is the source of our "bef 1757" estimate of his birth year. It seems odd that John would have left wife and child behind for a dozen years. We suspect that he married young, was grief-stricken when his young wife died, perhaps as a result of bearing Jane, and that when he left for



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Kentucky, he left daughter **Jane** in the care of relatives. **David Vance Jr.**, but not **John**, appears on the tax rolls of Fayette Co. in 1787. Had John gone back for his family? 1787 was the year his father and siblings came over. Curiously, per the above stipulations, his daughter **Jane** did not remove to Kentucky until the following year. This suggests that she came over with another family, possibly maternal relatives who raised her. On June 17, 1800, **John Vance** and "**Hannah** his wife" sold 98 acres of land in Fayette County to **John Himes**. (Cook's, *Fayette County Kentucky Records* II, p.216.) We suspect that this was a second marriage. Jane was identified as John's "only child" in an 1807 deed, quoted below, so unless **Hannah** was **Jane's** mother, this marriage did not produce any surviving children. On 14 Jan 1805, "On the petition of **Robert Tucker**, administration of the estate of **John Vance**, decd. was granted him, he entering into bond with **James Vance** and **William Stone** his securities in the penal sum of £2,000. Ordered that **William Stone**, **Henry Payne**, **James Riche** and **Lewis E. Turner**, or any three, appraise the personal estate of the decedent." (Cook's *Fayette County Records* I, p.89, abstracting Order Book 1, p. 247) Possibly, **Hannah** died before **John**. She was not mentioned in the 1819 litigation regarding land inherited from **David Vance Jr.**

1. **Jane Vance** (1773 Ireland - ?) married **Robert Tucker** (? Ireland - ?) in 1794 in Fayette County. On 10 Feb 1806, **Robert Tucker** and **Jane Tucker** his wife, conveyed to **John Porter**, a "tract in Fayette County being remainder of tract granted to **David Vance**, next to **McConnell's** line, **Martin's** and one other tract conveyed to **John Vance** by **John Steele** and **William Steele** in June 1804, corner to **Nathaniel Ashby** and **Richard Gray**, **Francis Keen**, **Lewis E. Turner**; also all other tracts which have descended to **Jane Tucker** as heiress of her father **John Vance**, in trust. Said Jane desiring that her husband **Robert Tucker** would be vested in fee simple. . . Now true intent of this indenture, that John Porter shall convey same to Robert Tucker within ten days. . . **John Porter** of Fayette County reconveys to **Robert Tucker** the above named tracts. Fayette Co. Order book C, p 479. On 30 Jan, 1807, "**Robert Tucker** and **Jane Tucker**, his wife, late **Jane Vance**, daughter and only child of **John Vance**, decd. of Fayette County" sold to Jane's uncle, **John Porter**, 339 acres of land that had been part of **David Vance Jr.**'s preemption, bounded by land of **James Vance**, the waters of the town fork of Elkhorn, the Leestown road, and the road from Bethel Meeting House to Scott's fulling mill. (Cook's *Fayette County Records* II, p. 520, reporting an entry at page 198 of *Fayette County Circuit Court Book C*). Their issue probably included **Sarah Tucker** who on 27 Jul 1831 was bonded to marry **John Lockhart** with **John Tucker** as surety and consent of her father, **Robert Tucker**, and **Hannah Tucker** who on 12 May 1834 was bonded to marry **William Riche**, with John Riche as surety and consent of her father **Robert Tucker**.
- B. **David Vance Jr.** (est 1750s - 1789) came to America sometime before 1775, when he went to Kentucky. In March 1780, treasury warrant No. 281 was issued to him, and he used the preemption in 1783 to patent 1000 acres in Fayette Co. that seem later to have formed the foundation of his brothers' wealth. The land he chose on the Fork of the Elkhorn was prime Kentucky bluegrass land. See also Gilson, *The Kentucky Land Grants*, citing Book 1, p. 284. This was a soldier's pre-emption, and indicates that he joined the Virginia Continental Line and served in it for three years as a private. He (but not his brother **John**) was one of the signers of an Articles of Agreement made by the inhabitants of the town of Lexington, in the County of Kentucky" on 25 Jan 1780 (Cook's *Fayette County Kentucky Records*, p. 357) whereby 46 men who were founders of the town of Lexington agreed to take ½ acre tracts of "town" land to be drawn by lot and clear them by the first of June. **David Vance Jr.** died single in 1789.
- C. **Joseph Vance** (? Ireland - c1807 Fayette Co. KY) married **Jane** \_\_\_\_ (? - aft Jan 1807). On 12 Nov 1804, it was "Ordered that **Peggy Neely**, orphan of **Thomas Neely**, decd., who was 11 years old on

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December 13, 1804, be bound as apprentice to **Joseph Vance** until she reaches age of 16 years, to be taught the art of weaving, spinning and sewing." (Cook's *Fayette County Kentucky Records* IV, p.79, abstracting Order Book 1, p. 218) On 14 Apr 1806, on the petition of **Ann Needy**, an order was issued to Joseph "to show cause why **Peggy Needy** should not be taken from him and her apprenticeship dissolved, on complaint of ill treatment. (Cook's *Fayette County Kentucky Records* IV, p. 142, abstracting Order Book 1, p. 372) On 12 May 1806, the court dissolved **Peggy Needy's** apprenticeship to Joseph, and remitted her to the care of **David Logan**. (Cook's *Fayette County Kentucky Records* IV, p. 147, abstracting Order Book 1, p. 381). On 10 Aug 1807, "The last will of **Joseph Vance**, decd. was proved by the oaths of **Joseph Fleming** and **William Little**, and ordered to be recorded. **James Vance**, one of the executors therein named, made his bond with **George Brown** and **James Fleming** his securities in the penal sum of \$3,000. (Cook's *Fayette County Kentucky Records* I, p. :195, abstracting Order Book 1, p. 487). Joseph's will, dated 5 Jan 1807, named wife **Jane Vance**, grandson **William Vance** not then age 21, granddaughters **Elizabeth Vance**, **Jean Vance** and **Ann Vance**, and daughter **Jean Vance** and her husband and children. Guardians were to be appointed for granddaughters **Elizabeth**, **Jean** and **Ann Vance** , but daughter **Jane** and her husband were granted the right to use the land willed to the girls as their own until the girls came of age. This suggests that the girls were **Jane's** daughters, and that **Joseph** was insuring that the land would not be sold by their father, as might have happened if it had been willed to their mother and the land had thereby come under their father's control. The 1819 stipulations included a statement that **Jane Vance** was her father's heiress, suggesting that no other heir survived to that date, and also that Jane had married another Vance.

- D. **James Vance** (? Ireland - 21 May 1824 Fayette Co.) married **Margaret** \_\_\_\_\_. On 10 Dec, 1804 the Court ordered "**James Vance** is appointed guardian to **John Needy**, infant orphan of **Thomas Needy**, decd., who entered bond with **Joseph Vance** his security in the penalty of \$200." (Cook's *Fayette County Kentucky Records* IV, p. 85, abstracting Order Book 1, p. 237) On 11 Aug 1806, James resigned as guardian of the boy. (Cook's *Fayette County Kentucky Records* IV, p. 155, abstracting Order Book 1, p. 403) His will was dated 5 May 1824 and probated in June Court 1824 (Jan 1994 *Vance Family Association Newsletter*, p. 10). It named wife **Margaret**, and children **William S. Vance**, **Jane Vance**, **Sally Vance**, **Mary Vance**, **James Vance**, **Samuel Vance**, **Marthy Vance**, **John Vance**, **Alexander Vance** and **Montgomery Vance** and daughter **Nancy McDowell**. **James** seems to have died wealthy. His will made bequests of several slaves and land in both Missouri Fayette Co., and referred to three notes from **Samuel Scott**, each for \$1,000 to be paid with interest in 1824, 1825 and 1826 in gold or silver. The will provided that the slaves should stay with wife **Margaret** "until the respective legatees marry or come to the age 21, and left money for the education of sons **John**, **Alexander** and **Montgomery**, suggesting that several of **James's** children were still minors in 1824. The family attended Bethel Presbyterian Church in Fayette Co. KY , located about 7½ miles from Lexington, off the Leestown pike. From its Session Book dated 1823, as reported in Mrs. Henry McAdams, *Kentucky Pioneer and Court Records* (1929) p. 171: "Members in full communion, "**James Vance**, since died", **Margaret Vance**. **James Vance**, departed this life May 21, 1824. Aged 49 years. **Alexander** and **Montgomery Vance**, children of **James Vance** (deceased) and **Mrs. Vance**, were baptized Nov. 1824.

- E. **Jane Vance** (? Ireland - ?) married **John Porter** in Ireland, and emigrated with him to Kentucky around 1786.

A new member, Mary Harris, has joined the Vance Family Association, and the article that follows provides her research on Jane Vance and John Porter.

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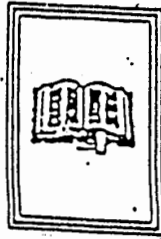
**Jane Vance - John Porter**

**Research of descendant Mary Harris, 857 Cornish Dr., San Diego, CA 92107-4249**

- **John Porter** (wife **Jane Vance**) paid taxes on land in Fayette Co. KY in 1791 until 1800 when no record was located. He was listed with 333 acres from **David Vance's** original land *Mormon film #007,957 Tax Records 1787-1804*. In 1801 he is shown with 273 acres Fayette Co. Ky, Town Fork and 150 acres Licking West We do not have a record of how this 150 acres was disposed of. In 1803 and 1804 **John Porter** was shown with 275 acres in Fayette Co., Town Fork.
- *Kentucky Records Series pg. 524*: **John Porter**, Fayette Co. Ky sells 245 acres to Adam Woods dated Oct. 23, 1806 - will give possession Mar 1, 1807. This was recorded Mar 28, 1807. (There was some disputed land involved which might interfere with David Logan's claim)
- Fulton Thompson is appointed to replace **John Porter** on the Leestown Road. April 13, 1807.
- **John Porter** and Jane Stewart administrator of William Stewart estate. Made final report Feb. 8, 1808. It would appear this **John Porter** family is making plans to leave the county.
- *Ky Records Vol 1 pg. 386*: Sept. 1, 1807, **John and Jane Porter** sell 44 acres to David Logan in Fayette Co. on the Elkhorn. *Deed Abstracts of Warren Co. KY, pg. 356*: Sept. 29 1807 James Wren and wife Peggy Wren of the County of Warren, Ky. sells to **John Porter of same county** for \$600.00, 300 acres on **Gasper River**.
- 1810 Kentucky Census listed a Jane Porter in Mason County; a John Porter in Pendleton, Warren and Butler Co. The **John Porter** in Warren County appears to be the one we are interested in. It shows 1 m under 10; 2 m 10-26; 1 m 26-45; 3 f under 10; 1 f 10-16, 2 f 16-26; 1 f 26-45.
- 1834, Warren County, Kentucky, Will Book page 89. An instrument was presented in Court purporting to be the Last Will & Testament of **John Porter, deceased**. The question was raised as to the sanity or insanity of the said testator. It was ordered that said will be registered on the motion to have it recorded and overruled. On motion of **John Porter (Jr.), Vance Porter and Isaac Smith (son in law)**, at the request of **Jane Porter, widow** and relict of **John Porter, deceased**, this request was granted. Bond in the penalty of \$6000 was posted, with Joseph Farland, Joseph Covington, Robert W. Og\_\_\_\_, William L. Christian and John A. Fraker, their securities and administrators.
- This indenture made 5 day of Sept 1834 between **Jane Porter, widow** and relict of **John Porter, deceased**, Isaac Smith and Margaret his wife, late **Margaret Porter, John Porter** and Susan is wife, **Vance Porter**, John Neel and Rebecca his wife, late **Rebecca Porter, Mary Porter**, James McElwaine and Lidia Ann his wife, late **Lidia Ann Porter**, William Gladish and Nancy Ann his wife, late **Nancy Ann Porter**, all heirs of said John Porter, deceased of the County of Warren and State of Kentucky of the first part and James Nell now of the county of (blank) and state of Missouri, of the second part, witnesseth that they agreed their ancestor John Porter in his lifetime by bond of 12 June 1824 obligated himself his heirs, to convey to the said party of the 2<sup>nd</sup> part, the tracts of land in Warren County on the waters of **Gaspers Rivers**, to said **James Neel**. (Land **John Porter** purchased from John Tigent, containing 100 acres - His widow Isabella Tigert on 18 Aug 1834 relinquished any claim of dower on same land). All heirs signed. It was ordered (pg. 292, 296, 317 and 332) that **Jane Porter** be allowed her dower. An inventory and appraisement was made and recorded.
- The above document now gives us a clear picture that **John Porter** and wife **Jane Vance Porter** at the time of his death in 1830. Jane died ca 1846/7 and both buried in Warren Co. Ky. They had two sons, **Vance Porter b. 1798 John Porter b. 1799**, and five daughters, **Margaret Porter Smith b. 1792, Rebecca Porter Neel b. 1802, Mary Porter b. 1803, Lidia Ann Porter McElwaine, Nancy Ann Porter Gladish**.
- Mary Harris' line: Rebecca Porter Neel, whose husband John died Apr 18, 1839, buried Richelieu Cemetery, Logan Co. KY, Rebecca died July 2, 1875, buried Shiloh Cemetery, Johnson Co., Missouri. She had moved to the area of her daughter Julia Ann Neel, who married David Snodgrass.

(Marriage records Fayette Co. KY, relationship to above John Porter/Jane Vance unknown. John Porter bonded to marry Eliza Steele on 17 Oct 1831 with Brice Steele as surety and consent of bride's father. The same or different John Porter bonded to marry Margaret Carson on 31 Aug 1841 with Hiram Jeter as surety. Also a John Porter bonded to marry Mary Ann Neale with William H. Neale as surety, on 30 Jan 1848. - Submitted by Susan Henderson)

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KENTUCKY BIBLE RECORDS

From the files of the Genealogical Records Committee KY Society of the DAR.

Research of: Hester Garrett (Deceased)

PEAK BIBLE. American Bible Society, 1847. Sent to the Kentucky Historical Society in October 1962 with the following letter: "I have sent to your library the Peak Family Bible since the last member of the family died recently in California. It was her wish that these Bible records be placed in the care of your library. There are no heirs now. This family lived in Scott Co KY for four or five generations, migrating from Virginia to Kentucky in the 1790's. The home of Leland Peak and later of his son, Milton N. was "Woodlawn" on the Iron Works Pike between Georgetown and Midway. The loose sheets are of families related by marriage, mostly of Shelby County--Offutt, Vance, Glass. We appreciate your taking care of this old Bible. Sincerely, Linnette Branham Peak, October 8, Glasglow, VA."

PEAK BIBLE

In the margin at the top of the page: Presley Peak and Judith Wilhoit were married 1797--10 children.

Leland W. Peak and Eliza Ann Y. Nuchols were married June 18, 1829, 6 children. Side margin: Silas Craig, (d. 1854) and Paulina J. Peak were married Nov 7, 1822; 13 children, all died when young.

FAMILY RECORD

Milton N. Peak & Maggie O. Glass were married Jany 5th 1860.  
Frank Wilson Maxwell & Marie Louise Peak were married Oct 26th 1910  
Corrine Peak & William Stone Turner  
William Moore Peak and Linnette Branham Jan. 6, 1915  
Margaret Peak and \_\_\_\_ (Bartlett, in pencil)

Leland W. Peak & Eliza Ann Nuckols married 18 July 1829  
M.L. Peak & A.J. Viley was married 29 May 1851  
Sallie A. Peak & M.P. Suggett were married Jany 26, 1859  
Milton N. Peak & Maggie O. Glass were married Janu 5th 1860  
Lucy G. Peak & C.C. Moore were married February 14th 1867

BIRTHS

Milton Nuckols Peak was born Mar 18 1830.  
Infant son of M.N. & M.O. Peak was born Sep. 28th 1861  
Henry Lee Peak was born Dec 5 1862  
Mary Louisa Peak was born July 18 1864  
"Maggie" Peak was born March 4th 1866  
William Moore Peak was born 3 Dec 1868  
(Next name erased leaving holes in paper)  
Corinne Peak was born Dec 31st 1875

Sam'l Glass born June 10th 1808  
Mary S. Vance born Nov 6 1806  
Robt. Glass born April 30 1831  
J. Sam'l Glass born June 30 1832  
Anna Glass June 14th 1835

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Loose sheets of paper found in the Peak Bible

James Vance & Margaret Scott married Feb. 5th, 1795  
David Vance was born Nov. 22nd 1795  
Nancy Vance was born May 20, 1797  
William S. Vance was born Nov 8, 1798  
Jane Vance was born Oct 30th 1800  
Sallie M. Vance was born Nov 9th 1802  
A son born July 1st 1805 Decd August 21st 1805  
Mary S. Vance was born Nov 6 1806  
J.D.Vance was born Feb 8 1809  
Sam S. Vance was born August 14th 1811  
Marth A. Vance was born March 14 1814  
John S. Vance was born Decm 3rd 1816  
Alex V. Montgomery born Sept 14th 1819

A careful study indicates:  
Mary S. Vance b. 1806  
was daughter of James Vance  
& Margaret Scott (see item  
'D' previous article), She  
married #1 Sam'l Glass  
#2 Henry C. Offutt.  
These records gives  
dates that are helpful.

James Vance departed this life May 20th 1824  
David Vance departed this life June 6th 1823  
Nancy Scott departed this life March 27 1829  
Samuel Scott departed this life Jan 21st 1831

Henry C[laggett] Offutt & Mary Franklin Bell, Sept 21st 1820  
William Waters & Mary Jane Offutt, Dec 5th 1844, by Dr Taxon  
William A. Moore & Mary J. Waters, Dec 21st 1858 by W.W.Matthews, D.D.  
Henry C. Offutt to 2nd wife, Mary S. Glass, July 1st 1840  
John B. Offutt to Amanda C. Offutt, March 24th 1846  
John B. Offutt to 2nd wife, Mrs Aggie Morton, Oct 1st 1884  
Alex W. Offutt to Mary W. Nuckols, June 11th 1850  
Henry L. Offutt to Margaret Davis, Feb 11th 1850  
James W. Offutt to Mary J. Finch, Oct 14th 1851  
William A. Moore to Hetty Pollock, Sept 25th, 1839, by Rev J.L.Hendrick.  
Richard Waters to Annie Offutt, Sept 19th, 1852  
Milton N. Peak to Maggie O. Glass Jan 5th 1860  
John H. Barrett to Henrie S. Offutt, Sept 15, 1863  
Ben F. Offutt to Florence Graham, Oct 20 1869  
Sampson B. Moxley to Sallie L. Offutt Dec 19 1867  
Dr. William I. Heddins to Mattie D. Offutt October 19th, 1877  
Isaas Slaughter to Anna Glass, Oct 31st 1877  
J.I.Moore to Jennie Pollock, October 1871.  
Taylor Amis & Annie Waters Oct 1876  
Finley Lucas & Annie Amis Dec 12th 1894

BIRTHS

Henry C. Offutt, 8 Oct 1791  
Mary Vance Offutt, 6 Nov 1806  
Alexander W. Offutt 28 Sept 1822  
Mary Jane Offutt 30 May 1826  
Ann Eliza Offutt 26 May 1830  
Susan Rebecca Offutt, 14 Oct 1834  
Henrietta S. Offutt 12 July 1841  
Martha Drake Offutt, 3 Nov 1846  
William Waters, 1 Oct 1815  
Mary Drusilla Waters 4 Oct 1850  
Eugene Amis, 21 July 1877  
William A. Moore 16 Oct 1816  
Anna Glass 21 June 1835

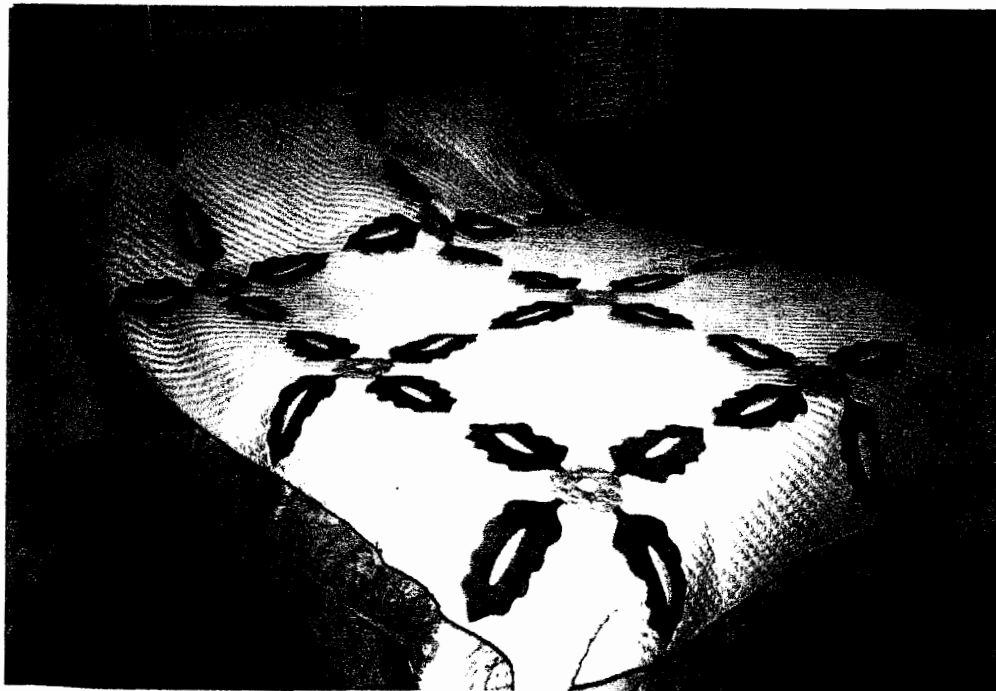
Henry Claggett Offutt

Mary F. Bell 9 Jan 1795  
John Bell Offutt, 21 July 1821  
Henry L. Offutt 18 Oct 1824  
James William Offutt, 24 April 1828  
Emily Virilinda Offutt, 13 Dec 1832  
Benjamin Franklin Offutt 5 Dec 1837  
Sarah Lewis Offutt 26 Sept 1843  
Florence Offutt 30 May 1826  
Mary Jane Offutt, 30 May 1826  
Annie Waters, 10 Aug 1854  
Mary Amis 3 Nov 1844  
Margaret O. Glass 15 Nov 1833

Mary Sutherland Vance Glass, 2nd wife.

*VANCE QUILT, EIGHTH GENERATION*

*The beautiful quilt below is owned by Jan Francis, 314 PineLake Court, Spartenburg, SC 29301. Her mother told her it was the 8<sup>th</sup> generation to Jan, so it must have come from South Carolina to Mississippi ca 1833/4. Jan's mother said the fabric dyes were made on the plantation of native products such as walnut shells and indigo. What a treasure! Thanks for sharing this with us, Jan.*



**Warren, Bristol County, Rhode Island Cemetery Records**  
Research of Helen Coyer  
Rhode Island Historical Society

Cemetery Name: North Burial Ground

| <u>Name</u>        | <u>Birth</u> | <u>Death</u> |
|--------------------|--------------|--------------|
| Vance James, Capt. | 1750c        | 1801         |
| Vance Joseph C.    | 1798c        | 1825         |
| Vance Lydia        | 1773 c       | 1852         |
| Vance Sally        | 1761         | 1796         |
| Vance Sally        | 1800c        | 1844         |
| Vance Sarah        | 1755         | 1787         |
| Vance William      | 1798         | 1798         |

The computer printout indicated Capt. James Vance was age 51 y, 3 m, 6 d. (died 18 May 1801) Lydia Vance is stated to be the wife of Capt. James Vance, with her age shown as 79 y, 11 m, 26 d (died 24 Jan 1852).

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**Newspaper Notices of Mississippians 1820-1860**  
**Published by Mississippi Genealogical Association**

Page 138: David W. Vance Estate Notice October 1833 Term, Probate Court, Holmes County, MS. John W. Mayers, Adm. *Jackson Mississippian Jan. 10, 1834.*

Page 138: John Vance married Elizabeth Hill daughter of Vam'l (?) Hill on Dec. 3, 1842. *South Western Farmer, Raymond, Miss. (Hinds County), Dec. 9, 1842.*

Francis Vance married to Julia A. Futch of Graid Lake, Ark. on May 13, 1852. *Raymond Gazett (Hinds County), June 3, 1852.*

(I have no idea what families these men are from. Perhaps the two from Raymond, Hinds County are of the same family? - Kathleen)

**Orangeburg, South Carolina**

According to Mills Atlas of South Carolina, indexed by Marian D. Cropper, a Vance David/Davis Vance Ferry crosses the Santee River between Orangeburg and Santee District South Carolina Waterways. (Cloud Creek flows into the Little Santee) Who was this David/Davis who lived in that area long enough to have the ferry named after him? Did he operate it? (No timeframe given, but probably late 1700's, early 1800's.

**Fayette County, Pennsylvania**

Fay Morrison wrote that her brother Wendell and cousins from Ohio Valley and Phoenix, AZ drove to Pennsylvania in July to visit the Vance cemetery in Fayette Co. See July 1993 NI pg. 91 for map and Bible Records. This property is now owned by a Schwartz family. The guests were treated royally, and the Schwartz family had even mowed a path to the cemetery to make the visit easier. The family also located the foundation of Federal Hall, the old Vance home place. A few pieces of pottery chards were brought home for souvenirs. Let's see these places while we can!

**Panther State Forest Park , McDowell Co. West Virginia**

There was no doubt to the passerby that it was a Vance Reunion. Thirty eight people were walking around in our VFA coat of arms T-shirts. Others will wait by the mail box a little longer for theirs to arrive. There were almost 200 in attendance, and a good time was had by all.

**Vanceburg, Kentucky - 200 years old!**

An e-mail from Jim Shelton of Kentucky Genealogy & History Discussions advised us (after the fact) of the bicentennial celebration and it was a huge success. Unfortunately they said, they overlooked contacting any of the descendants of Moses Baird and Joseph C. Vance to invite them to attend. The town was named for Joseph C. Vance. The Lewis County Herald, 205 Main St., Vanceburg, KY 41179 may still have copies of this special edition. Kathleen did order it, and descendants may wish to do so - \$2.00 plus \$3.00 postage. Vance and Baird laid out the city by lots. Both later moved out of state. See article Apr 1992, pg. 42/3.

**\*\* SUCCESS STORIES FROM NEWSLETTER \*\***

By Kathleen Mason

*It is very rewarding to know that the things we print add generations to some members pedigree chart.*

**Nancy Vance McDonald**, RR#3, Box 56, Albia, IA 52531. "Dear Kathleen: (e-mail) Your chart of the Ezekial Vance lineage in the recent issue of the Vance Family Newsletter was EXACTLY what I have been looking for. My ggrandfather, Henderson Vance, was the son of James and Mariah Jane (listed in your chart as Mary Jane) Henderson Vance. I had really come to a dead end for quite some time and was very excited with the article. I would like to correspond with anyone who has inquiries on this line. Thank you very much."

**William Vere Vance**, 281 Maple St., Brevard, NC 28712 2852 has indeed confirmed that his Elias Vance #10114 was the son of Hiram Vance #633 and Phoebe Skidmore #634, son of John Vance #766 and Nancy #767, son of Alexander Vance #768 and Jane Martin #769, son of John Vance #2040 and Elizabeth #1041. The last John Vance's will was probated in Frederick County, Virginia in 1760. Our Cross Reference Index indicates William is member #13 from the John Vance line. *Note: His success in connecting to this line was buying the back issues and making contact with members. He had a flaw in one name that kept the computer from connecting.*

**It pays to leave your name in public places!** **Gwynne Daniel**, 235 Mount Paran Rd NW, Atlanta, GA 30327-4601 found the name of VFA member **Margaret Webb** in the Jonesboro, TN. Library. She made contact with Margaret regarding her Sarah and Mitchell McFarling. Margaret quickly informed her about the will of Joseph Vance #3993 printed in VFA NL April 1996 pg. 81, which mentioned heir Sarah McFarland and Mitchel McFarland. Gwynn had no idea of the maiden name of Sarah McFarland - furthermore she was seeking McFarling information. She was delighted to add a maiden name, and Joseph Vance #3992 and his parents Samuel Vance #74 and his wife Sarah Colville Vance #75.

Gwynn quickly joined VFA and informed her cousin **MacElaine Elliot**, 5326 West 42<sup>nd</sup>, Amarillo, TX 79109, whose line uses the spelling McFarland. Her line is from John McFarland son of Mitchell and Sarah McFarling/McFarland and Gwynn's line is from Joseph McFarling, brother of John. These two ladies have really been doing a professional job of research since they got this information. I informed them there were McFarlands in Frederick County, Va. Further research has uncovered the father of Mitchell McFarling/McFarland in Shenandoah Co. Va. which was taken from Dunmore and Frederick County Va. They are also researching the Acklin, Travis and Berry line mentioned in Joseph Vance's will, and articles will be forthcoming when this is completed. The path of travel of these families may be helpful.

**MacEaine Elliott** gave us an explanation to the inheritance of Joseph's nephew Samuel Vance, oldest son of Joseph's brother John. See July 1996 NL pg. 80 for chart on Joseph's will. It was difficult to read, and the conclusion was it was 5 doggs (?). MacElaine says this should be 'fire doggs'..she found this in a will of Samuel Newell. After inquiries, it was determined this was an expensive item at that time, used at a fire place. Some were made for out door use, but some for the fire place inside the home. It takes all of us to understand the full story. We look forward to articles following the paths of travel of Joseph's children. A big thank you for alert members like Margaret Webb!

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## Kathleen's Korner

A phone call from Robert Vance of Atlanta was a nice surprise. He and wife Marilyn were coming to Jackson for a weekend where Marilyn would participate in a DAR workshop. Would Herman and I join them for dinner? Since they would be busy during the day, I decided we should pick them up early and give them a tour of our fair city. A view from the interstate certainly does not give any idea of what Jackson is like. Robert and Marilyn thoroughly enjoyed it all and commented many times about how much they would have missed had we not spent that hour and half giving them the VIP tour. We also made a stop at our home, and they got to see our Vance collection from various trips. (They also saw all the files, folders, etc. that makes the newsletter possible) A good time was had by all! Incidentally, VFA member Rubye Harrison of Meridian, MS attended the workshop and met Marilyn.

**Lanercost Priory Book.** Last year when I sent the VFA donation to Lanercost Priory, I inquired if they had a copy of *The Lanercost Cartulary*. No, they did not, but they referred me to Cumbria Record Office at The Castle in Carlisle where there is a copy. Contact with them verified this, but they also suggested I would be more interested in a new book just off the press published by the Surtees Society in conjunction with the Cumberland and Westmoreland Antiquarian and Archaeological Society compiled by Dr. John Todd. A copy was immediately ordered, and it exceeded any expectations I had. The documents were abstracted, followed by the Latin original wording. Beside many of the deeds/documents were drawings, which proved to be very interesting. An example if the land was donated for a church to be built on it, a sketch of a church was drawn. If the land was to be used for crops, a plow might be sketched. The 476 hardback book is indexed by places, names and subject matter. It was passed around at the San Antonio meeting. VFA is donating one to the Salt Lake City Library, as well as The Handley Library at Winchester, Virginia. Should you desire your own copy for study, the price is £27 and the check must be in sterling. Order from: Mr. Alan Piper, The Hon. Secretary of the Surtees Society, The Priors Kitchen, The College, Durham DH1 3EQ, England.

**Errata:** July NL 1997 pg. 98, middle of page, article on James Vance 2<sup>nd</sup> paragraph, 2<sup>nd</sup> line "soldier at King's Mountain" instead of Stone Mountain.

Also, same NL, pg. 111. Pedigree of Gwynne Daniel and MacElaine Elliott. Joseph Vance #3992 had a wife named **Sarah** named in his will, instead of Meary #3997. Delete Meary - the number will remain the same.

**1998.** It may just be the best year yet. Elsewhere in this newsletter are several additions to lines. Grace Dotson, Virginia Lovett and Mary Norfleet are hard at work on comprehensive articles. Please send copies of wills, deeds, etc. (also typed copies if available) that you hold - *any* state.

**Wish Bruce a Merry Christmas** by sending your 1998 dues in when you finish reading this newsletter! Thanks.

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**BARNES, Alice**

**POB 345**

**Loomis CA 95650**

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| 10242- BARNES,Unk                       | B-               | D-               | M-15 Feb 1975 NV | 10241- RIPPEY,Alice M  | B-19 Jan 1935 CA | D-               |
| 10239- RIPPEY,Edmund B                  | B-13 Feb 1912 CA | D- 2 May 1982 CA | M-23 Dec 1933    | 10240- LENZI,Ann       | B- 2 Jun 1916 CA | D-               |
| 10237- RIPPEY,Edmund L                  | B-17 Nov 1867 CA | D-               |                  | 10238- BENNETT,Lulu M  | B-27 Nov 1873 CA | D- 8 Nov 1947 CA |
| 10235- RIPPEY,Samuel E                  | B-19 Apr 1829 KY | D-20 Nov 1906 CA | M-14 Feb 1850 MO | 10236- PERRY,Polly     | B-25 Jan 1832 KY | D-19 Oct 1920 CA |
| 3061 - RIPPEY,William                   | B-24 Sep 1806 WV | D- 1 Feb 1866 MO | M-14 Mar 1826 KY | 3062 - CRIM,Nancy R    | B-15 Nov 1808 KY | D-28 Oct 1890 MO |
| 3063 - RIPPEY,Samuel                    | B- WV            | D- Dec 1813 KY   | M- WV            | 3064 - VANCE,Sarah     | B-Abt 1783       | D- 1853 KY       |
| 6608 - VANCE,Samuel Sr                  | B-Abt 1740       | D- 1799 VA       |                  | 6609 - RANNELS,Jane    | B-               | D-               |
| 6612 - VANCE,James                      | B- 1715 Ire      | D- 1751 VA       |                  | 6613 - GLASS,Elizabeth | B- Ire           | D-Abt 1785 VA    |
| 1246 - VANCE,David Sr                   | B-               | D-               |                  | 6884 - UNK,Sarah       | B-               | D-               |
| ----- Additional & Double Line(s) ----- |                  |                  |                  |                        |                  |                  |
| 6610 - RANNELS,James                    | B-               | D-               |                  | 6611 - VANCE,Mary      | B-               | D-               |
| 1246 - VANCE,David Sr                   | B-               | D-               |                  | 6884 - UNK,Sarah       | B-               | D-               |

**GILLILAND, Donald A**

**3639 Belle Vista Dr E**

**St Petersburg FL 33706**

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| 9241 - GILLILAND,Donal | B-22 Nov 1938 PA | D-               | M- 3 Sep 1994    | 9244 - GRAY,Carol A    | B- 2 May 1946 OH | D-               |
| 9243 - GILLILAND,Alexa | B-21 May 1907 PA | D-               | M-15 Nov 1929    | 10982- GARDNER,Mary L  | B-19 Feb 1907 PA | D- 5 Aug 1972 FL |
| 10983- GILLILAND,Willi | B- 5 Jun 1873 PA | D- 7 Mar 1953 FL | M-20 Mar 1901 PA | 10984- VANCE,Anna N    | B-26 Jan 1874 PA | D-16 May 1961 FL |
| 10985- VANCE,Robert M  | B- 1831          | D-27 Sep 1910 PA |                  | 10986- HARR,Francis E  | B- 1842          | D- 1929 PA       |
| 10987- VANCE,Joshua    | B- 1800          | D-               |                  | 10988- VANCE,Elizabeth | B-               | D-13 Mar 1870    |

**MILLER, Jeri**

**18 Rosedale**

**Hershey PA 17033**

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| 10574- MILLER,Unk     | B-               | D-               |                  | 10573- VANCE,Jeri     | B-30 Mar 1959     | D-               |
| 10571- VANCE,Gene     | B-20 Oct 1927    | D-               | M-15 Jan 1954    | 10572- MORRAL,Marian  | B- 1 Mar 1933     | D-14 Mar 1997    |
| 4325 - VANCE,Russell  | B-19 Oct 1900 WV | D- 2 Mar 1965 MD | M-29 Oct 1926    | 4333 - LONG,Zettie    | B- 9 Jul 1901     | D- 9 Nov 1991    |
| 629 - VANCE,Elijah    | B- 4 Mar 1858 WV | D-23 Feb 1947 PA |                  | 630 - MORRAL,Phoebe J | B- 1865 WV        | D- 1925 WV       |
| 631 - VANCE,Reuben    | B-Abt 1823 WV    | D- 4 Jan 1896 WV | M-21 Feb 1856 WV | 632 - RAINES,Melinda  | B-18 May 1829 WVD | D- 4 Sep 1912 WV |
| 633 - VANCE,Hiram     | B- 1796 WV       | D- 3 May 1876 IL |                  | 634 - SKIDMORE,Phebe  | B- 9 Jan 1802 WV  | D- 2 Dec 1861 WV |
| 766 - VANCE,John      | B- 1745 VA       | D- 8 Feb 1826 VA | M- Oct 1773 PA   | 767 - UNK,Nancy       | B- 1756 PA        | D-13 Oct 1843 VA |
| 768 - VANCE,Alexander | B- 1725 Ire      | D-               | M-Abt 1744 VA    | 769 - MARTIN,Jane     | B- 1726 VA        | D- 1753 VA       |
| 2040 - VANCE,John     | B- 1699 Ire      | D-Abt 1760 VA    | M- 1721          | 2041 - UNK,Elizabeth  | B-                | D-               |

**PARKER, Valerie Z**

**312 S Menefee St**

**Edna TX 77957 3770**

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| 11015- PARKER,Vance R  | B-18 Dec 1962 FL  | D-               | M- 8 Aug 1987 TX | 11017- PARKER,Emily M  | B- 1 Jan 1993 NC | D-               |
| 11014- PARKER,Gerald P | B- 5 Aug 1934 OK  | D-               | M-22 Dec 1957 TX | 11016- TAYLOR,Margaret | B- 4 Nov 1963 LA | D-               |
| 11012- ZIPP,Raymond D  | B- 7 Jun 1908 TX  | D-               | M- 1934 TX       | 11013- ZIPP,Valerie V  | B-26 Nov 1935 TX | D-               |
| 11009- VANCE,John T    | B-30 Apr 1885 TX  | D-11 Jun 1968 TX | M- 1908          | 11011- VANCE,Marie O   | B-29 Jul 1911 TX | D-10 Jun 1985 TX |
| 11007- VANCE,Edward F  | B-10 Jan 1862 MS  | D-23 Mar 1939 TX | M-28 Dec 1882 MS | 11010- CALLAWAY,Lillia | B-20 Feb 1889    | D- 4 Dec 1975 TX |
| 2001 - VANCE,Edward    | B-18 Dec 1833 Ire | D- 7 Jul 1884 TX | M-23 May 1855    | 11008- GUNN,Mary       | B- 3 Sep 1866 GA | D-27 Jun 1947 TX |
|                        |                   |                  |                  | 2431 - GALLESPIE,Sarah | B- 1839          | D- 1864 MS       |

**PRESLEY, Loretta**

**2011 Chestnut St**

**Kenova WV 25530**

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| 10255- PRESLEY,William | B-15 May 1945 WV | D-             | M-23 Mar 1964 VA | 10256- HONAKER,Loretta | B-18 Feb 1947 WV  | D-               |
| 10257- HONAKER,Roy L   | B- 4 Nov 1922 WV | D-             | M-16 May 1926 WV | 10258- RICHMOND,Ninaje | B-16 May 1926 WVD | D-31 Jan 1996 WV |
| 10259- RICHMOND,Orell  | B- 7 Apr 1899 WV | D- Jun 1953 WV | M-14 Jun 1923 WV | 10260- ATKINS,Myrtle M | B-Abt 1906 WV     | D-               |
| 10261- ATKINS,John H   | B- 1880 WV       | D-             | M- 1904 WV       | 10262- VANCE,Sarah C   | B- 1879 WV        | D- WV            |
| 10263- VANCE,John      | B- 1840          | D-Aft 1880 WV  | M-Abt 1859       | 10264- CALES,Louerna   | B- 1845 WV        | D-               |
| 10275- VANCE,Henry     | B- 1806 WV       | D-Aft 1860     | M-20 Oct 1828 WV | 10276- CART,Catherine  | B- 1813           | D-Bef 1860 WV    |
| 10283- CART,Conrad     | B-               | D-             |                  | 10284- VANCE,Polly     | B-                | D-               |

**RIDER, Audrey C**

**3002 North Grant St**

**Endid OK 73703 1686**

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| 10550- RIDER,John A    | B-11 Mar 1928 OK | D-               | M-16 Jul 1961    | 10551- BAKER,Audrey C | B-29 Dec 1924 OK | D-               |
| 10554- BAKER,Kenneth I | B-17 May 1890 KS | D-16 Oct 1968 NM | M-16 Feb 1910    | 10555- PEAK,Viola F   | B- 1 Jan 1891 ME | D- 2 Nov 1965 OK |
| 10552- BAKER,William   | B-16 Dec 1860 IN | D-22 Jul 1912 OK | M-22 Jan 1880    | 10553- DOWNEY,Charity | B-19 Dec 1860 MO | D-23 May 1939 OK |
| 10556- BAKER,John      | B- 5 Apr 1831 IN | D-28 Sep 1906 OK | M-23 May 1852    | 10557- BIGGS,Serena   | B-26 Feb 1836 IN | D-22 Aug 1907 WA |
| 10558- BAKER,Elijah    | B-Abt 1793 KY    | D- 1 May 1866 MO | M-15 Jul 1816 IN | 10559- VANCE,Sarah    | B-Abt 1796 OH    | D- 1884 KS       |
| 10568- VANCE,Unk       | B-               | D-               |                  |                       |                  |                  |

**VANCE, Benjamin(Buddy) F, Jr**

**2506 Broodmoor**

**Bryan TX 77802**

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| 1998 - VANCE,Benjamin  | B-18 May 1933 TX  | D-               |                  | 2428 - JONES,Gale J    | B-17 Sep 1939 TX | D-               |
| 1999 - VANCE,Benjamin  | B- 2 Jun 1900 TX  | D- 5 Jul 1957 TX | M-17 Mar 1923 TX | 2429 - RAY,Vonnie L    | B-16 May 1903 TX | D-19 Oct 1988 TX |
| 2000 - VANCE,William J | B- 2 May 1856 MS  | D-25 Jun 1921 TX | M-27 Nov 1884 MS | 2430 - GUNN,Martha     | B- 3 Sep 1866 MS | D-18 Dec 1944 TX |
| 2001 - VANCE,Edward    | B-18 Dec 1833 Ire | D- 7 Jul 1884 TX | M-23 May 1855    | 2431 - GALLESPIE,Sarah | B- 1839          | D- 1864 MS       |

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**VANCE, Phillip R**

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**Alvin TX 77511**

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| 4191 - VANCE, Phillip R | B-10 May 1928 TX | D-               | M-17 Jan 1948 TX | 10976 - PAGE, Gwendolyn | B- 4 Mar 1932 TX | D-18 Sep 1992 TX |
| 9941 - VANCE, Roy       | B-17 Jan 1887 KY | D-26 Mar 1974 TX | M-23 May 1906 IN | 2309 - LAYTON, Mollie J | B-14 Aug 1890    | D-16 Jan 1975 TX |
| 9934 - VANCE, Millard F | B- 3 Sep 1857 KY | D- TX            | M-18 Feb 1886 KY | 9940 - ATHERTON, Sallie | B-Abt 1864       | D-               |
| 273 - VANCE, Venirah    | B-10 Nov 1827 TN | D-17 Aug 1865 KY | M-30 Jul 1853 KY | 274 - BROWN, Nancy      | B- 1 Dec 1831 KY | D-12 Mar 1870 KY |
| 275 - VANCE, Joseph     | B-13 Sep 1794 TN | D- 8 Mar 1865 KY | M-29 Dec 1819 TN | 276 - GREER, Eliza J    | B- 6 Jul 1799 VA | D- 3 Jun 1869    |
| 4161 - VANCE, Patrick   | B-               | D- 1803 TN       | M-10 Jul 1778    | 4162 - HOUSTON, Elizabe | B-               | D-Aft 1803       |

**VANCE, Sally**

**1022 High Street**

**Brownsville PA 15417**

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| 10980 - VANCE, James K | B-12 Mar 1926 PA | D-               |               | 10981 - CRAWFORD, Sally | B-               | D-               |
| 10224 - VANCE, Jacob W | B- 1895 PA       | D-               |               |                         |                  |                  |
| 7708 - VANCE, Isaac N  | B- 1874 PA       | D-               | M- 1893       | 10230 - UNK, Letitia    | B- 1878 WV       | D-               |
| 7695 - VANCE, Jacob    | B-Abt 1831 PA    | D-               |               | 7704 - UNK, Mary J      | B-Abt 1834 PA    | D-               |
| 7692 - VANCE, Thomas   | B- 1 Feb 1804 PA | D-Abt Apr PA     |               | 7694 - UNK, Anne        | B-Abt 1808       | D-Bef 1888       |
| 9 - VANCE, William     | B- 8 Feb 1779 PA | D-20 Nov 1854 OH | M-Abt 1797 PA | 10 - MINTUN, Rachel     | B-27 Jan 1783 NJ | D- 1 May 1873 OH |

**WARD, Douglas Lowery**

**POB 688**

**Durant MS 39063**

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| 2643 - WARD, Douglas L  | B-18 May 1928 MS | D-               | M-27 Dec 1952 | 2644 - PAYNE, Frances L | B-27 Jun 1928    | D-               |
| 2645 - WARD, Ebon C     | B-20 Sep 1894 MS | D- 1 Feb 1940 MS | M- 8 Oct 1916 | 2646 - LOWERY, Lettie V | B- 8 Feb 1896 MS | D- 6 Jun 1966 MS |
| 2647 - LOWERY, Earlie N | B-26 Dec 1860 MS | D-23 May 1897 MS |               | 2648 - RAY, Samantha F  | B-16 Jan 1859 MS | D-30 Jan 1922 MS |
| 2649 - LOWERY, Wiley P  | B- 1837 AL       | D-               | M-21 Jan 1856 | 2650 - VANCE, Nancy E   | B-13 Aug 1838 AL | D-11 Jan 1922 MS |
| 2651 - VANCE, Joshua C  | B-12 Aug 1793    | D-27 Jan 1849    | M-12 Aug 1819 | 2652 - HENDRICKS, Nancy | B- 4 Jul 1804    | D-16 Jan 1858 MS |
| 813 - VANCE, Davis      | B-Abt 1760       | D-               |               | 814 - PEAVY, Pheby      | B-               | D-               |

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**4618 Warwick Blvd  
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**Kansas City MO 64112**

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| 10243 - WENDT, Jerome    | B-               | D-               | M-17 Dec 1960 IN | 10244 - STEINER, Judith  | B-14 Aug 1939 KY | D-               |
| 10246 - STEINER, Edward  | B-31 May 1902 WI | D-28 Apr 1958 IN | M-29 May 1926 WI | 10245 - MCLOUTH, Dorothy | B- 1 May 1902 MI | D-21 Jan 1992 MO |
| 10247 - MCLOUTH, Segur   | B- 8 Sep 1881 MI | D-20 Jul 1913 MI |                  | 10248 - HUMBLE, Grace E  | B- 7 Oct 1882 IN | D-11 Mar 1953 IN |
| 10249 - HUMBLE, Sylveste | B- 9 May 1856 IN | D- 7 Sep 1945 WI | M-31 Jul 1879 IN | 10250 - WARNER, Alice B  | B- 7 Feb 1860 IN | D-28 Feb 1935 WI |
| 10251 - HUMBLE, John W   | B- 7 Oct 1826 OH | D- 4 Mar 1901 IN | M-16 Jun 1850    | 10252 - MILES, Frances M | B-10 Dec 1825 OH | D-16 Nov 1883 OH |
| 10253 - HUMBLE, Corneliu | B-16 Jun 1791 KY | D- Mar 1974 IN   | M- OH            | 10254 - VANCE, Anna A    | B- 1801 OH       | D- 1856 IN       |

**WHEELER, Susan**

**1580 Bresee Road**

**West Palm Beach FL 33415 5502**

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| 9412 - WHEELER, Max C   | B-13 Jun 1922 TX | D-               |                  | 9411 - TOMLINSON, Susan | B-29 Jun 1931 OH | D-               |
| 9410 - TOMLINSON, Edwar | B-16 Nov 1878 CT | D- 3 May 1947 OH | M-16 Mar 1912 OH | 9409 - GEER, Mary F     | B- 3 Aug 1890 OH | D-26 Oct 1970 OH |
| 9408 - GEER, Luther     | B-24 Nov 1863    | D-17 Feb 1904 OH |                  | 9407 - MARQUIS, Mary F  | B-16 Mar 1866 IL | D- 4 Aug 1890 OH |
| 9405 - MARQUIS, Thomas  | B- 1 Feb 1834 OH | D- 6 Jul 1911    | M-12 Mar 1857 OH | 9406 - CURL, Hulda A    | B- 3 Nov 1838 OH | D-17 Sep 1869    |
| 9403 - MARQUIS, Samuel  | B-16 Jun 1807 VA | D- 1 May 1865 OH | M-30 Dec 1828 OH | 9404 - AXTELL, Lucinda  | B-29 Mar 1808    | D- 2 Feb 1888 OH |
| 9401 - MARQUIS, William | B-Abt 1780       | D- 7 Oct 1841 OH | M-16 Jan 1803 VA | 9402 - NEWELL, Elizabet | B-21 Sep 1785    | D- 4 Oct 1871 OH |
| 7916 - MARQUIS, James   | B-               | D-               | M- VA            | 7915 - VANCE, Mary      | B-               | D-               |
| 579 - VANCE, William M  | B-Abt 1718 Ire   | D- 1788 PA       | M- 1749 VA       | 1511 - GILKESON, Mary C | B-               | D-Aft 1788       |
| 1246 - VANCE, David Sr  | B-               | D-               |                  | 6884 - UNK, Sarah       | B-               | D-               |

# • Queries

I am searching for ancestors of **Anna Allen VANCE**, born in OH. in 1801, married **Cornelius Humble** near Sandusky OH c. 1820, died in Noble, IN. in 1856. It has been written that her father settled in the wilderness that is now Cincinnati and then removed to near Sandusky to live out the remainder of his life. These **VANCES** are said to be of English origin. **Anna** and **Cornelius** had 12 children. The first son, **Uriah**, is believed to be named for his paternal grandfather. The second son was named **Samuel**. The third son was **John Wallace VANCE**. Thus, it is conceivable that **Samuel** and/or **John Wallace** are significant as none of those names appear on the **Humble** side. I would appreciate hearing from anyone who might have information regarding **Anna**. Thanks in advance,  
**Judy Wendt, 4218 Warwick Blvd., 2C, Kansas City, MO. 64112 judywendt@aol.com**

18 years of searching with no results, please help. Looking for any history on **Thomas VANCE** who married **Sudney Lewis** in Knox Co., TN., 12 Jan 1804.. They had at least 6 children born in TN. **George G.** (1804), **John L.** (1807), **Sibby Ann** (1809), **Andrew C** (1812), **Mary Polly** (ca 1815) and **Thomas** (1817). They moved to IN. around 1821/22.  
**Ernest A. Grove, 215 N Monroe, Watseka, IL 60970.**

Seeking parents/ancestry of **Sarah VANCE Baker**. **Sarah** was born about 1796 in OH; and on July 15, 1816, in Franklin Co., IN., she married **Elijah Baker**, son of **John** and **Athaliah Wainscott Baker**. Since OH had few settlements in 1796, she was probably born in Hamilton Co. **Elijah's** brother, **David Baker**, married **Phoebe VANCE** in Shelby Co., IN., on August 29, 1823. Family tradition indicated she might have been **Sarah's** sister. **Elijah** and **Sarah** moved to Shelby Co., then to Miami Co., and on to Kosciusko Co., all in IN... They next moved to Daviess Co., MO., where **Elijah** died. **Sarah** moved on to Coffey Co., KS., where she died in 1884.

**Audrey C. Baker Rider, 3002 North Grant St., Enid, OK 73703 jrider@enid.com**

Looking for further information on my great grandparents **Robert McGuire VANCE** (b 1831 d 1910) - **Francis Emma Borbridge Harr** (b 1842 d 1929). They were residents of Connellsville, Fayette Co., PA and their parents **Joshua VANCE** (b 1800) - **Elizabeth M.** (d 1870). **Joshua** was living with his son, **Robert**, at the time of the 1880 census. **Robert** and **Francis** had at least six children; **Anna Neff**, **Jennie**, **Nellie**, **Florence**, **Charles M.**, and **Joshua S.** Have been told that some of these may have been members of the D.A.R. but unable to substantiate that family tale.

**Don Gilliland, 3639 Belle Vista Dr. E., St Petersburg Beach, FL. 33706 rover44mag@aol.com**

Looking for more information on **Lovenia VANCE** b abt 1802 TN and married **Joseph Travis** b abt 1800 TN. **J. V. Travis** marries **Josephine Knox** in 1860, Hamilton Co., TN. This may be **Joseph VANCE Travis**, son of the above. **Lovenia** may be the daughter of **Joseph VANCE** and wife **Sarah** (?). **Joseph** leaves 200 acres and some other items in his will of 1822 in Sevier Co. TN.

**Mac E. Elliott, 5324 W 42nd, Amarillo, TX 79109.**

My mother was **Elizabeth VANCE Haley** from Birmingham, Alabama. Her father was **James Cullen VANCE**, Sr. (b. July 1904); his father was **William Delf VANCE** (b Jan 1877, d. Oct 1966 in Jefferson Co, AL); William's father was **Jack(?) VANCE**, buried in TX., no other information known. Would appreciate sharing information with descendants of Jefferson Co., AL. **VANCE** s.

**James Haley, 12735 Providence Road, Alpharetta, GA 30004-1237 nolefan1@midspring.com**

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Does anyone have access to the book 'Leckey's Ten Mile Country and Its Pioneer Families.' It is a genealogical history of the Upper Monongahela Valley (SW PA & Northern WV). Please contact: **Bruce VANCE** , 612 155th Place NE, Bellevue, WA 98007-4822. Vfa@compuserve.com

My ancestor, **Elizabeth 'Betty' Mountz**, married **S. T. (Thomas) VANCE** , 13 Sep 1854 in Estill Co., KY. They had a son, **George Wills VANCE** b 2 July 1856 - d 5 Jul 1857 and three more children per the 1870 Estill Co., census, **John W. VANCE** , **Mary N. VANCE**, and **Nannie A. VANCE** . Trying to find parents of **S. T. VANCE** and final resting-place for **Elizabeth Mountz**. All leads and clues greatly appreciated.

**Marianne Elliston**, 990 Saucelito Creek Road, Arroyo Grande, CA 93420.

I am looking for information on descendants of **James K P. VANCE** . He first married **Mary Jane Reed**. They had two sons before **Mary Jane VANCE** died March 1872: **George Samuel VANCE** , born 1869, **Walter Scott VANCE** , born 1871. **James K. P. VANCE** and **Charlotte Elizabeth Witcher** married July 22, 1872, in Jacksonville, IL., and had three children, all born in Morgan Co., IL: **Frederick Alvin VANCE** , born 1873, **William Harry VANCE** , born 1875, **Lula Idella VANCE** , born 1879.

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# Computer Stuff

## Internet

Recently I spent a couple of hours (yes, hours) browsing genealogical sites on the web. As those who regularly 'surf' knows, each site generally lists and provides links to other sites with the same subject matter. There are even sites that are devoted to these links.

At first the quantity and quality of the genealogy sites impressed me, particularly when compared to a few months ago. Then the second impression hit me. The quantity of sites was overwhelming and under organized. I can't in good conscience critique the quality, as it would be physically impossible to browse each site to ascertain the usability of the data.

I compare the experience to entering a huge library where the users donated all the books, magazines and pictures and each one set up his/her own section of the library and with their own system.

Internet participants are fighting any kind of government involvement and I concur with this effort. However, without organization, this part of the web will fall from it's own weight. I wonder what other subject areas are having the same experience.

Don't get the wrong idea, I have found the web to be very useful. I have used it productively for airline and lodging information, for computer support, as a phone book, as a medical encyclopedia and of course for international e-mail.

## PAF 3.0

After the July newsletter, as promised, I prepared to convert our VFA database to PAF 3. Then I remembered that I use the Family Records Utility to provide extracted data from our PAF database. This is needed to produce the Condensed Pedigree, Cross-Reference and Notes Report and the condensed pedigrees for the newsletter. Whoops! I quickly wrote the authors of FRU and they assured me an update would be forthcoming. No date, just forthcoming.

There has been quite a bit of information published on conversions to PAF 3.0. Converting through GEDCOM rather than using the supplied conversion module is recommended. Above all, keep your old system so you can go back.

A couple of the new features are great. For one, you can use a note for more than one person. They caught up with Family Tree Maker by supplying notes for marriages. The expanded fields will be a blessing, making up abbreviations is not my field.

We just went over 11,000 records in our VFA database so I am perfectly content to watch and wait a bit longer rather than have any major problems.

If anyone has converted, please let us know how it went.

Later,





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Carey Vance  
1857 - 1932

## President-Editor's Message

**Our remarkable Historians** are adding, connecting and correcting Vance ancestors at a rapid pace. Virginia Lovett's Kentucky research has resulted in adding an early generation of Vances to several members. Mary Norfleet has been working on some key lines and has added over 300 new Vance kin. Many lines have been linked and the rumor mill says there are more to come. The database is closing in on 12,000 entries. And I thought this was a six month project!

**Get your 1999 calendar out** and pencil in Thursday, June 17<sup>th</sup> through June 20<sup>th</sup> for the VFA meeting in Columbus, Ohio. Wanda Green and Waid Vance are busily working on the details. My cousins and I are planning a follow up meeting in Highland County, Ohio to visit specific sites of our Vance ancestors. My great-great-grandfather, William Vance migrated to Highland County from Pennsylvania. Later, my grandfather (pictured above) and father were born in Highland County.

**From the Pulpit.** We very rarely receive any negative feed back but I feel compelled to deal with this one. A rejected renewal was returned with the note 'The VFA has never been able to do much for me.' Whoa there! We aren't a K-Mart. We don't stock the shelves with Vance goodies for the customers to pick and choose from. The VFA is a group of Vance descendants all working together to try to help each other. Many of us continue to research, publish, and share without ever progressing a bit on our own Vance line. We realize this early Vance search is a tough proposition and it will take all of us to connect and extend these pioneers.

**Membership stands at 351.** Twenty seven of these are new this year, which is high for April. Most of the new members find us via our Internet homepage. Texas is a solid leader with 36 members. California is in the unusual position of number two with 32.(maybe too many moved to Washington!). Ohio takes third place with 23 and Ol Miss has crept into fourth with 19.

**Elizabeth Vance Cryder** writes that she was pleased to be accepted into the DAR. on June 7, 1997. Her ancestor, William Vance #405 was her Revolutionary forebear. VFA member Dr. Hazel Draper is also a DAR member from this line.

ENUFF, GO FIND AN ANCESOTR AND PLANT A TREE,



***Northern Ireland - Glynis Vance Armstrong Pedigree***  
***Compiled by William Armstrong, Husband of***  
***Glynis Vance Armstrong***  
***Prospect House, Stewartstown, Northern Ireland***

*Prefatory Remarks by Kathleen Mason: William and Glynis Vance Armstrong joined the 1984 Vance Tour Group near Belfast for dinner. They invited the group for a lovely garden tea at their spacious home the next day. They met us at the Vance Monument located at Tamlagh Parish Church at Coagh. The group met Glynis' mother and William's parents. Glynis's mother died in 1995, and William's father died in 1996. He had a very fine collection of antique farm implements. The Armstrongs have a dairy, and we all remember those beautiful Clydsdale horses housed in a very large dairy barn. The group enjoyed the company of their four beautiful children as they served us refreshments. I have encouraged Vances who are in that area to make contact with them, and these visits have been enjoyed by all. Glynis's line is related to the Vances at Bellaghey. VFA members Herman Mason and Earl Myers are from that line of Sarah Vance who married William Moore in Bellaghey.*

Glynis Margaret Vance of Ardvarnish, Cookstown, born on 10 October 1950, married William Samuel Armstrong of Prospect House, Stewartstown on 21<sup>st</sup> July 1970, in the Brigh Presbyterian Church. Glynis, was an only child. Children of William and Glynis are:

William Samuel Armstrong b. 16 June 1971  
Sandra Glynis Armstrong b. 11 May, 1973 m. 10 Apr 1997 Nigel Overend.  
Philip Joseph Vance b. 18 July 1978  
Juli-Ann Elizabeth Armstrong b. 11 April, 1982 .

Her father:

•**Joseph Dilworth Vance** was born at Innevall, Stewartstown on 29 April 1912, he was a farmer. He lived most of his life at Ardavarnish, Cookstown and died there on 13 September 1978. His siblings:

His elder sister Annie was born on the 1<sup>st</sup> August 1909 and was married to James Kelso, farmer of Moree House Promery - she died 16<sup>th</sup> November 1978. She had two daughters and two sons.

His brother Robert William Vance lived at Omagh. He worked for the department of health and social services. He was born 14<sup>th</sup> April 1913. There are two sons and one daughter and one adopted girl. He died on 3<sup>rd</sup> February 1975.

His sister Lila "Emanine Lenonore", was born on 15<sup>th</sup> November 1915 and lives outside Cookstown. She has four daughters and one son. Her husband Ernest Hammond was a salesman.

The youngest brother, Russell Nelson Vance farms at Duffless, Cookstown with his son John; daughters are married. His wife was Lily Crooks, Ballybreist, Cookstown. Russell was born 18 February, 1919.

•Their father **William John Vance** farmed the 45 acres at Innevall, also 60 acres at Ardvarnish which he bought about 1930. William was born on 12<sup>th</sup> February 1879 at Innevall and died at Ardvarnish on 16 April 1957. His wife was Annie Dilworth.

His brother James was born 5<sup>th</sup> April 1870. He worked in the London newspapers. He came home on a holiday to Ardvarnish on 3 June 1950.

William's sister Christina born 27<sup>th</sup> August 1876 went to California, U.S.A. as a teenager.

Another sister Molly was born 21<sup>st</sup> June 1871. She also went to California.

Another brother Joseph was born 18 June 1882. He went to California and farmed peaches. He married and had one daughter.

A third sister Rebecca went to England and owned "Vance's Inn."

•Their father was **Joseph Vance** born 1841, and died 1916. He married Ann Russell of Lisacclare, Stewartstown.

Joseph's brother Robert owned a pub in Tullyhogue with his wife Jane. They had five sons and two daughters. The three eldest sons went to the U. S. A. Youngest sons died young.

Another brother, William James Vance was baptized as an adult in the Brigh Presbyterian Church in 1862. He went to Alberta.

Another brother Isaac Vance was a clergyman. (no further record)

Sister Margaret Vance married Thomas Whiteside, Killicobty, Stewartstown on 12 January 1864, underage.

Another brother John - no record.

•Their father: **James Vance** of Innevall, Stewartstown, born 1800. He was thought to be the first Vance of Innevall and came from Aughavea, Coagh. He married a daughter of Rev. John McKenzie of Cookstown, who was the senior Presbyterian Chaplain at the Siege of Londonderry.

#### Sundry Church Records:

Mary Jane Vance of Innevall was married in the Brigh Presbyterian Church to William Crozier on 12 September 1848 when she was sixteen years old. Marriage records shows signed by James Vance (his sister?). Marriage ceremony by James McCurdy.

Jane Vance of Aughavea, Coagh married William Meneely on 24 July 1828 in Brigh Presbyterian Church. This was witnessed by William Vance.

Mary Vance of Aughavea, married Robert Young farm worker of Magherfelt at hospital bedside on 20<sup>th</sup> April 1854. Her father was William Vance, a farmer. Mary & Jane are sisters Mary had 2 boys and 1 girl. She died young, and Robert Young re-married.

Ellen Vance of Coagh, daughter of William Vance (dyer) married James Hughes, baker of Coagh on 13<sup>th</sup> December 1863.

Policeman Samuel Vance and wife Mary had a son Samuel, baptized on 5<sup>th</sup> June 1842 in Tamlagh Parish Church (at Coagh).

William Vance of Endenagh, Stewartstown, helped at the foundation of the Presbyterian Church in Coagh on 20 July 1708. Coagh Presbyterian Church was formed out of the Brigh and Moneymore Presbyterian Churches (Moneymore and Ballyclog parishes).

#### Chart:

George Vance of Raneel, Donegal

Son: William Vance, Aughavea, Coagh, Parish of Ballyclog

Sons: John, William\*, Adam and James\*\*.

\*William Vance had a son John Vance. John Young's daughter Elizabeth married William Vance, son of William, second son of William Vance of Aughavea. This William of Aughavea was the third son of George Vance of Raneel, who died 1711-12, who was the son of Patrick Vance, son of Rev. John Vance who was #13 on the Vance No. 1 Pedigree.

\*\*James, son of William of Aughavea, lived at Ballymacombs, Bellaghey.

His sons were James\*\*\*, Adam, William and Joseph and Robert who went to Scotland.

\*\*\* James of Ballyfortea, Moneymore (Parish of Derryloran, Cookstown).



## **A VISIT WITH THE VANCE/ARMSTRONG FAMILY IN NORTHERN IRELAND**

**By Valerie Vance Parker  
Edna, Texas**

My husband, Gerald, and daughter, Sarah, and I traveled independently in a rental car to Northern Ireland in 1997 in search of Vance roots. My great-great-grandfather, Edward Vance, emigrated from County Derry in 1849 to Mississippi and later to Texas. We have had a large framed picture of the John Vance monument near Coagh on our wall for many years taken before it was cracked. My grandfather's name was John Vance and I had always wanted to see the monument and the area of its location in person. We discovered that the church where the monument is located is in County Derry within view of the town of Coagh in County Tyrone. (We were saddened to find that the monument is now badly stained and deteriorating and something needs to be done to preserve it!)

Buddy Vance, my cousin of Bryan, Texas had given me Glynis Vance Armstrong's address which is located between Coagh and Stewartstown. We inquired about the telephone number at the general store in Stewartstown. A customer in the store overheard our conversation and said that she knew Glynis Vance Armstrong very well. She asked us to walk across the street with her to her home. We did, and her husband had cemetery records of Glynis Vance's family in the Brigh Presbyterian Church near Stewartstown. (All the Vances in the Stewartstown area are Presbyterian.) Then this congenial man, Mervyn Megaw, took us a short distance outside Stewartstown to the home of Glynis Vance Armstrong and husband, William Armstrong. At "Prospect House" we met their sons, William, Jr. and Philip. The parents were in Cookstown counting votes for an election. (William was running for a local council membership as a representative of the Ulster Unionist Party.)

William, Jr. ("Junior") took us to Cookstown City Hall to meet his parents, Glynis and William. The City Hall was being protected by several British military police with machine guns while the votes were being counted. Junior had to get permission to go in and get his parents. They came out for introductions and a very brief visit. They were most cordial, and Glynis stated that she had received my letter from Texas, but she had been too busy with the election to answer. She said that if we could stay for a day or two we could get together for dinner or tea and get to know each other.

William has done some gathering of Glynis's family history which he is putting on computer as time permits. Glynis stated that her father, Joseph Vance, now deceased, had located the John Vance monument at St. Luke's Church outside Coagh several years ago and cleaned it. William told us that he was 99.9 % sure that Glynis was descended from the John Vance on the monument, but he was lacking one or two generations to tie it together.

William told us of finding an old Vance thatched roof homestead a few years ago which is located on private land not now controlled by any Vance heirs. To William's knowledge, no Vance relatives from America had ever visited the house. Junior took us to visit the house for pictures as well as showing us the home where Glynis was reared and the house of her first cousin, John Vance, son of Russell Vance (still living but in advanced years) and neither of whom have any interest in family history. William later told us in a phone conversation that he believed that Joseph Vance, Glynis's great-grandfather, may have been born in the thatched roof house in the 1840's. The Vances living in the old thatched roof house ran out of male heirs and the females took it over. William believes that the name of the last people to live in the house was Badger. There is a woman named Vale (or some such name) who lives nearby who may know the history of the house. William believes the house to be somewhere between 150 and 250 years old and would probably have been the first house of the Stewartstown Vances descended from the John Vance of the Coagh monument. He said he would try to talk to the woman who may know the history of the house. He has a picture of the house when people were still living in it.

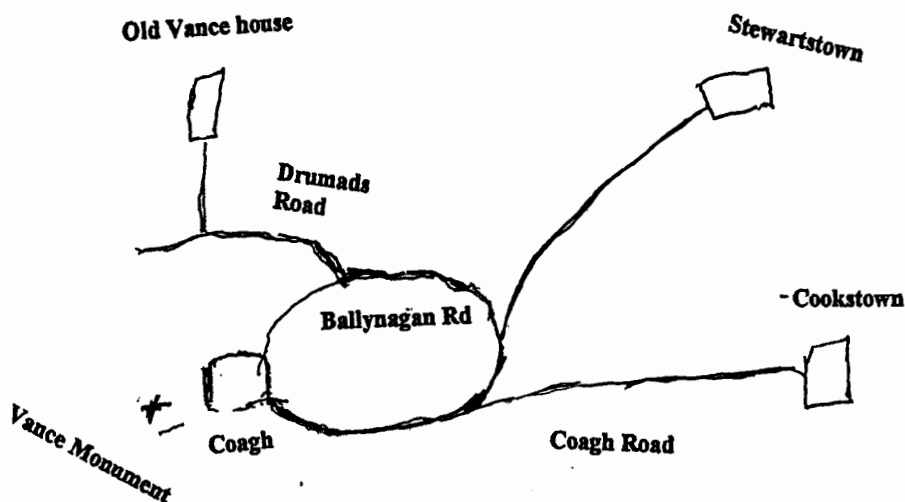
He said that he had heard that some of the Coagh Vances had lived in Donegal but he knew no names.

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(This would be consistent with the William Balbirnie Vance history which indicates that County Donegal may have been the first home of the Vances in Ireland. We also got a name from Fred and Ann Mills, who now own the Bambarroch gatehouse in Scotland. Gerald M. Vance, Woodlands, Rathoe, County Donegal had also visited Bambarroch.) William also mentioned County Down as a place where some Vances may have lived but did not give any specifics. William said that he had found records of a Vance who was involved with the establishment of the Presbyterian Church in Coagh. He did not give any dates or names.



Old Vance house





**Sarah Parker, Valerie Vance Parker, William Armstrong  
and Glynis Vance Armstrong at  
Cookstown, Northern Ireland**



**Sign at the Armstrong Home**

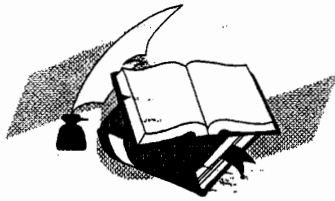


Sarah and Valerie Vance Parker

Vance Monument, County Derry

Near Coagh

*(Note Deterioration of Monument)*



## United States History

**Warren, Bristol County, Rhode Island Cemetery Records**  
Research of Helen Coyer  
Rhode Island Historical Society

**Cemetery Name: North Burial Ground**

| <u>Name</u>        | <u>Birth</u> | <u>Death</u> |
|--------------------|--------------|--------------|
| Vance James, Capt. | 1750c        | 1801         |
| Vance Joseph C.    | 1798c        | 1825         |
| Vance Lydia        | 1773 c       | 1852         |
| Vance Sally        | 1761         | 1796         |
| Vance Sally        | 1800c        | 1844         |
| Vance Sarah        | 1755         | 1787         |
| Vance William      | 1798         | 1798         |

The computer printout indicated Capt. James Vance was age 51 y, 3 m, 6 d. (died 18 May 1801)  
Lydia Vance is stated to be the wife of Capt. James Vance, with her age shown as 79 y, 11 m, 26  
d (died 24 Jan 1852).

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**Floyd County, Kentucky**  
Source: *Annals of Floyd County, KY 1800-1826* by Charles C. Wells  
Research of Grace Dotson

Bond dated 25 March 1813 between Richard Vance and Lewis Harver for a marriage between  
Richard Vance and Mary Simes. (Pg. 138)

Bon dated 1 Feb 1813 by John Vance and Samuel Allen for a marriage between John Vance and  
Mary Wilson. (at this date John was 33 - according to census, born 1780 - probably not first wife  
- comment by Grace)

Bond dated 21 March 1826 between Brice Hale and William Wilson for a marriage between Brice  
Hale and Polly Vance (probably Mary Wilson (called Polly) who married John Vance in 1813.  
Mary Wilson was daughter of Harris Wilson))

August term. 17 August 1818. Ordered a subpoena issued against John Vance to appear why his  
children should not be bound out as the law directs and the sheriff that on this service of the same  
he take possession of said children named William and Susanna Vance, and have them here at  
next court. (Pg. 168)

No Vances in Floyd Co. 1810 or 1820.



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\* Success Stories - Generations Added! \*

Virginia Lovett's article Jan. 1998 pg. 25/6 on Patrick Vance, Sr. and Patrick Vance, Jr. of Fayette County, Kentucky was a huge success. It prompted phone calls and e-mail response. 1. Member Joseph Edward Vance of Brooklyn, NY has ancestors William Vance #715 and wife Rebecca Hinton #2598. Documentation page 26 indicates this William Vance was a son of Patrick Vance Sr. and wife Elizabeth McCray. Another generation added! Numbers have not been assigned in the data base yet for Patrick and Elizabeth McCray Vance. . The following members are also from that line: Helen Fern McKinney, Stephen Reich, Ronald Lee Vance, Ronald T. Vance and Abby Louis Vance-Poehler. 2. Jean Vance of Cape Coral, FL. also adds to her (deceased) husband's line. His Patrick Vance #1962 (wife Betsy Jacobs #2485) is the. Son of above William Vance #715. Jean had the name William, but not the name of his wife Rebecca Hinton #2598. Thus she adds a spouse, plus another generation of Patrick Sr. and Elizabeth McCray. 3. John C. Barnett added two generations - Robert Vance and wife Catherine Fry, and Patrick Vance Sr. and Elizabeth McCray. See NL July 1997 pg 94/5. 4. A happy Gloria Lott called when she received the article. She was ecstatic, when she exclaimed you have found the parents of my John Vance #752 (wife Lydia Reiss #753)! They were, of course Patrick and Elizabeth McCray Vance. Gloria had recently sent in some research on John's sister Margaret Vance Rusk. Gloria also commented she wondered where the name McCray was from, as it was used frequently in her line. Others members from the line of John and Lydia Reiss Vance are: Virginia Elaine Eckel, Brian Rankin, William Vance Tolle, Carolyn Vance, Douglas Charles Vance and James W. Vance. Thus, 15 members added to their lines form information in this 2 page article. . A feather in your cap, Virginia! With assistance from many throughout the years, and studying tax lists, ordering wills, etc., finally an article emerged.



**Congratulations, Jeanne Hand Henry**

VFA has the distinction of having **Jeanne Hand Henry**, CG as a long time member. See her photo front page NL April 1994, also article pages 46/8. *On Board*, a Newsletter of the Board of Certification on Genealogist, September 1997 issue, spotlighted Jeanne in an article by Regina Hines Ellison, CGRS. Jeanne has been a Certified Genealogist for nearly 30 years - **longer than any other person**, with the exception of the Board's former executive director, John Frederick Dormon, a well known name to all serious researchers.

This interest in genealogy began very early in Lauderdale County, Mississippi, where she asked questions about her grandparents. The questions continued and the outgrowth of this lifetime interest has been the publication of nine volumes of genealogies and record abstracts. She has helped countless clients learn more of their heritage.

As an Air Force wife, Jeanne traveled all over the world, pursuing self-education in genealogy at a time when few classes were being taught. During her husband Jesse's tour of duty in Washington, D.C., in the 1950's she had the opportunity to spend much time in the National Archives, the Library of Congress, and the Library of the Daughters of the American Revolution. Later, while stationed in England, she searched for British roots at Somerset House. She also combed Northern Ireland with her five year old twin boys!

After another tour in D.C. "a dream come true for a genealogist," her husband retired from the Air Force in 1965. They moved to New Market, Alabama, where he was manager for a major defense contractor at Huntsville, Alabama. Jeanne achieved her certification in 1968, just three years later. We are pleased to count Jeanne Hand Henry as a member. Her ancestor was George Vance, born 14 February 1822, Derry County Ireland See Newspaper article and copy of land grant of Jeanne's ancestor on the following pages..

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## HISTORIC DEEDS TITLE LAND

Submitted by William L. Blanks

Line of VFA Member Jean Hand Henry. 5013 Maysville Road, New Market, AL 35761

By GAYLE WARDLOW

Two members of the Vance family of Lauderdale County have invaluable documents in their possession — documents usually only seen in archives departments of large museums or universities.

These documents are original land grant deeds from the U. S. Federal Government to George Vance of Kemper County and to three other Kemper County natives of the early 19th Century.

Since the dating of these deeds — from the year 1841 and three different president's signatures — the documents have remained within the descendants of George Vance and have been handed down to five different grandchildren.

These five grandchildren were Ford, Eric, Mary Annie, George and Frank Vance — the children of William Franklin Vance of Collinsville.

One of the five, Frank, is now deceased and the documents presently are in the possession of Eric and George — who was named by his father with his grandfather's name.

George, who lives on Highway 45 South near Clarkdale, has two of the documents and Eric who lives at 2425 Highland Place has four.

### Six Documents

The land listed on the six documents — located some four miles northwest of presently located Collinsville — just inside of the Kemper County line — was inherited by the five members of the Vance family.

The land, which had been in the family over one hundred years, was sold some 15 years ago to both a Meridian doctor who is now also deceased and to other persons in this area.

The total amount of land was originally near 460 acres. It was deeded from a land office at Columbus, Miss.

The land was settled in the late 1830's by George Vance — a native immigrant of Ireland who worked his way to this country on a ship and then spent time in New Orleans loading and unloading on the docks of that port.

### Unloads Molasses

"First job he ever had was unloading molasses," Eric said. "He got a job on a boat for 75 cents a day."

Ford — the older of the three

surviving brothers and a former deputy sheriff in this county after he was active in state politics — said, "all he wanted was a place to stop when he got to Mississippi, after he got out of Ireland."

"He found land and settled it and started clearing it off; and then he just kept on homesteading it."

"He dug ditches for \$2.50 a month also," said George.

Shortly after the land was homesteaded, Vance apparently went to Columbus where he purchased the land from the government under the provisions of land act. It is not precisely known what the details of the purchase were, or how much was paid for the land.

The three presidents whose signatures appear on the land deeds are Martin Van Buren (1841-45); Franklin Pierce (1853-1857) and James Buchanan (1856-1860).

### First Deeds

The first deeds were signed Feb. 24 and 27, 1841. They were made out respectively to John Owen and Adolphus G. Weir and to William Baird. Two were deeded to the first mentioned duet, and the third to Baird. All

three other individuals that his grand purchased land from. The six deeds signed by three different American Presidents between 1841 and 1860.

three of these were signed by President Martin Van Buren.

The other three were made out to George Vance and signed on April 1, 1856, by President Franklin Pierce and the final two on Oct. 1, 1859 and May 1, 1860 by President James Buchanan who preceded Abraham Lincoln in the presidency.

The first three deeds — made out to the other parties — were purchased by Vance from those parties, according to the brothers.

Thus a symbol of America's greatness — its ability to produce the rugged individual who natured and spawned the social and economic systems this country is known for — is still preserved in these land deeds — a small part of the vastness of our American History.



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**THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,**  
*To all to whom these presents shall come, greeting:*

**CERTIFICATE**  
No. 35873 } *Witness, George Vance, of Ross county, Mississippi.*

he is deposited in the GENERAL LAND OFFICE of the UNITED STATES, a Certificate of the Register of the Land Office at *Columbus* whereby it appears that full payment has been made by the said *George Vance*, according to the provisions of the Act of Congress of the 24th of April, 1820, entitled "An act making further provision for the sale of the public lands," for *the North West quarter of the North East quarter of Section Thirty three, in Township Nine, North, of Range Fourteen, East, in the District of Lands subject to Sale at Columbus, Mississippi, containing Thirty nine acres, and a variety nine hundredths of an acre.*

according to the Official Plat of the Survey of the said Lands, returned to the GENERAL LAND OFFICE by the Surveyor General, which said Tract has been purchased by the said *George Vance*:

Now know ye, That the UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, in consideration of the premises, and in conformity with the several Acts of Congress in such case made and provided, HAVE GIVEN AND GRANTED, and by these presents DO GIVE AND GRANT, unto the said *George Vance*, and to his heirs, the said Tract above described; TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the same, together with all the rights, privileges, immunities and appurtenances of what-soever nature thereunto belonging, unto the said *George Vance*, and to his heirs and assigns forever.

In testimony whereof, I, *Franklin Pierce* PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, have caused these letters to be made Patent, and the Seal of the GENERAL LAND OFFICE to be hereunto affixed.

GIVEN under my hand, at the CITY OF WASHINGTON, the *first* day of *April* in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and *fifty six* and of the Independence of the United States the *eighteenth*

BY THE PRESIDENT: *Franklin Pierce*

By *Wm. H. Harrison* Sec'y  
Recorder of the General Land Office.

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ORIGINAL U. S. GOVERNMENT LAND DEED — This is a photo of one of the six original land grant deeds that remain in possession of the Vance family. The deeds were all given by an American President. Notice the date of this deed April 1, 1856 — and the signature of the President at that

time — Franklin Pierce. All six of the deeds were made from sheepskin which has helped make the preservation of these items possible in the condition they are in presently.

—Staff Photos

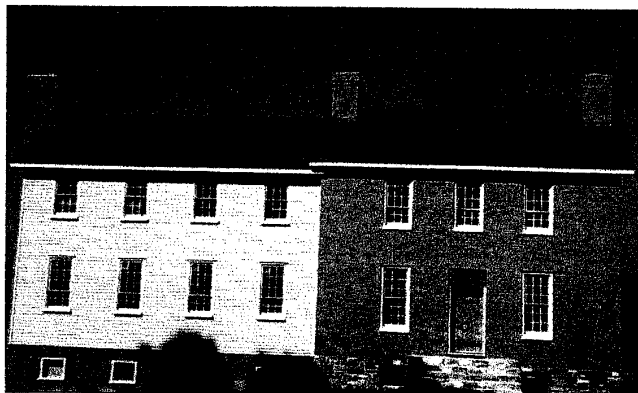
**UPDATE: RENOVATION/RESTORATION**  
**HISTORIC HOME OF SAMUEL AND MARGARET LAUGHLIN VANCE**  
*See NL January 1998, Front Cover and Page 19*

Helen Coyer shares this interesting information about Samuel Vance's old home place. The photo on page 19 indicated at the time (unknown) of that newspaper publication the house was owned by Alex Roberts. Mr. Roberts later sold this house to Jim Cozack. Mr. Cozack had an architect make drawings of the house (shown below), dismantled it brick by brick, moved them to the new location and rebuilt it as a part of a new house for his son (bottom photo). In doing this, he restored it as originally built by Samuel, as the door originally was centered between the two front windows. He even moved the fireplace and incorporated it into a room on the lower level of the new house (photo next page). The house is located in the Red Oak Subdivision, north of Abingdon, Va. We are delighted that the original portion of this historic building has been saved. Helen and Elmer Coyer took the photo of the restored/new house in the fall of 1996.

Old House



New House

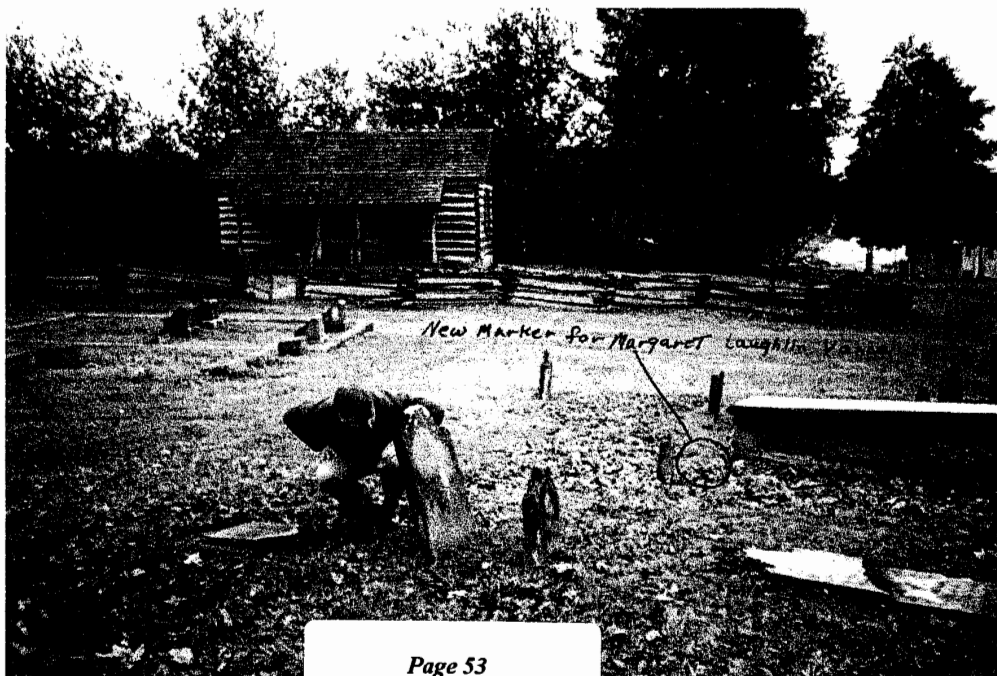


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Original fireplace of Samuel and Margaret Vance, reconstructed in new home.



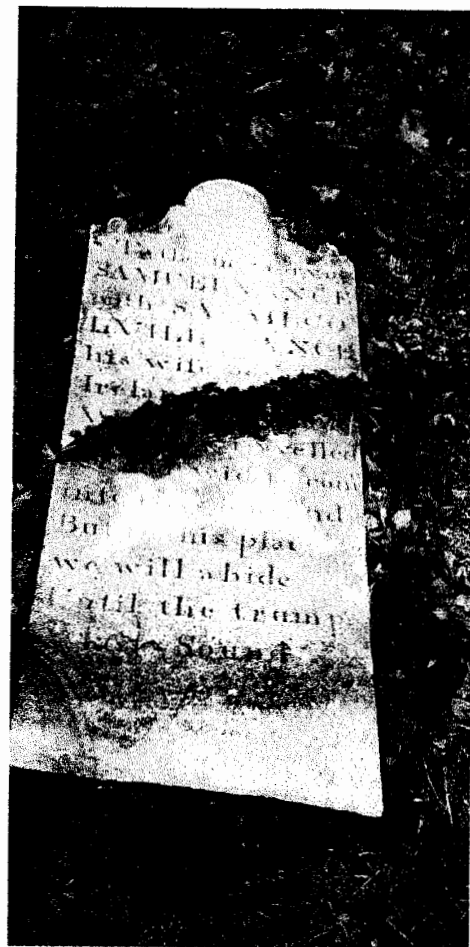
Sinking Spring Cemetery, Abingdon, Virginia, showing Vance burial grounds area.  
The Charles Cummings cabin in background. This area is just as you enter the cemetery.  
Photo by Phyllis Worrall



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Samuel and Sarah Colville Vance Tombstone in Sinking Spring Cemetery, Abingdon, Virginia. Top photo, standing, taken 1986. Bottom photo, on ground, taken January 1998 by Phyllis Worrall. See NL April 1989, pg. 42. Inscription reads:

*To the memory of  
Samuel Vance  
with Sarah Colville Vance  
his wife both from  
Ireland early in life  
We have travelled  
far and wide to come  
into this ground  
But in this place  
We will abide  
until the trump  
last sound.*



## OTHER VANCE FAMILIES OF WASHINGTON COUNTY, VA

Research by Mary Vance Norfleet

*Preface: The following families either lived part or all of their lives in Washington Co., VA. Unfortunately, very little information has been found on these families. We seek help in making a positive identification of these individuals.*

### Hugh Vance

Hugh Vance was named as the oldest son of Dr. Patrick Vance and his wife, Mary Graham of Rockbridge Co., VA, in a personal copy of his book, **The Vance Family In Ireland, Vans in Scotland** by William Balbirnie. The two other children of Dr. Patrick and "Miss Graham" named in Balbirnie's manuscript are David Graham Vance and William Kirkpatrick Vance. (*VFA Newsletter, July, 1987, p. 55*) Only two records have been located in Rockbridge Co., VA for Hugh Vance. On 6 December 1791, Hugh Vance, "Orphan of Patrick Vance" came into court and chose Mary Vance as his guardian. Also recorded in Rockbridge County records is Hugh's marriage to Sarah Law, the daughter of Henry Law, on 15 August 1803. (*VFA Newsletter, April, 1997, p. 49 & 51*)

Hugh Vance, age 26 to 45, is listed in the 1810 Botetourt County, VA census with his wife, 3 sons and 1 daughter, all under the age of 10. Botetourt County is adjacent to Rockbridge Co., VA. A search of the 1820 census records revealed no listing for Hugh Vance. However, a Hugh Vance is listed as a non landowner in the 1819 tax list of Washington Co., TN and possibly listed in the same county on the 1826 tax list as Hugh "Vown". (*VFA Newsletter, July, 1994; p. 87*) Hugh's two brothers, David G. and William K. Vance are listed on the same tax roles in Washington Co., TN. (*The 1820 census for the eastern half of Tennessee was lost.*)

In 1830, a Hugh Vance, age 50 to 60, is listed in the Washington County, VA census with his wife, age 40 to 50 and eight children: a son and daughter, age 20 to 30; a son, age 15 to 20; a son and daughter, age 10 to 15; a son and daughter, age 5 to 10; and a son under age 5. The early census records for Washington Co., VA were alphabetized, so we do not know in what part of the county Hugh resided. If the Hugh of the 1810 Botetourt Co. census and the 1830 Washington Co., VA census are one in the same, then two sons listed in the 1810 census either were no longer living with him or had died prior to 1830. The census is the only official record of Hugh to be found in Washington County, VA. He does not appear on any other census records and no deed, court, will or probate records were located for him. However, there is a tombstone for a Hughey G. Vance, 1776-1862, in Deck Cemetery, Washington Co., VA. Deck Cemetery is north and east of the intersection of County Road 630 and US 421 & 58 in Washington Co., VA near the Scott Co., VA and Sullivan Co., TN line. (**High on a Windy Hill**, by Catherine McConnell)

If we presume that the Hugh Vance listed on the 1830 Washington Co., VA census and the Hughey G. Vance buried in Deck Cemetery are one in the same, then the question becomes why is Hugh not listed on any other census. Records in other states and areas of Virginia, have been searched for Hugh on the 1840, 1850 and 1860 census, all to no avail. Perhaps, Hugh was extremely adept at evading the census taker or he may have been living with one of his married children. The most probable explanation seems to be that Hugh died in Washington Co., VA between the 1830 and 1840 census and the date of his death on the tombstone is incorrect. It is possible the tombstone was erected sometime after Hugh's death or may have been a memorial rather than an actual grave site.

Since so few records have surfaced for Hugh, there is always concern that we may be linking him to the wrong family. In this instance, we have Balbirnie's written document which states Hugh was the oldest of three sons. It is known that the third son of Dr. Patrick Vance was William Kirkpatrick Vance, who was born in 1780. If, David G. Vance was born about 1778, then Hugh's date of birth of 1776, listed on the tombstone, seems to be of the correct time frame to be the oldest son of Dr. Patrick Vance. Assuming that 1776 is the correct date of birth for Hugh, he would have been age 34 in the 1810 census and 54 in the 1830 census, which agrees with the time frames listed in the census records. Also, Balbirnie noted that Hugh had one son, Patrick. A Patrick Vance, born in 1804, is buried near Hughey G. Vance in the Deck Cemetery. A Mary J. Vance, 1814-1835 is also buried beside Hugh in Deck Cemetery.

Of the ten children listed for Hugh on the two census records, Patrick and Mary J. Vance could reasonably be identified as two of his children. Who were the other children of Hugh Vance?



### Patrick Vance

In Balbirnie's notes, he states "Hugh Vance had one son, Patrick, what became of him my informer knoweth not." According to Patrick's tombstone in Deck Cemetery, he was born in 1804 and may have been the oldest child of Hugh Vance and Sarah Law. Patrick died in Washington Co., VA in 1875. Through deed records, Patrick's wife was identified as Katherine Fleenor, daughter of Jacob Fleenor. Katherine F. Vance, 1816-1876, is buried between Patrick and Hughey G. Vance in Deck Cemetery.

The first record of Patrick in Washington Co. VA is the 1840 census where Patrick, Katherine, and a daughter under the age of 5, are listed. In several records found for Patrick, he is often listed as "Patton" Vance. From the deed records, Patrick lived near Mendota, an area of Washington Co. called the Kinderhook District (near the Scott and Russell Co., VA line). By the 1860 census, his address was listed as Three Springs Post Office. The community of Three Springs is located in the southwest corner of Washington County. The following deed records were found for Patrick:

Patrick Vance to Robert C. Bradley. Deed of Trust. Patrick Vance indebted to Joseph Pullum for \$64.34. Property in trust: negro, Harriet, and mulatto, Connedy, the property of Jacob Fleenor, decd. and Patrick Vance's interest in the real estate of Jacob Fleenor, decd. 22 January 1844. (DB 16, p. 380.)

Patrick Vance from Starke Jett & wife, Sarah; Jane Fleenor; Peter Fleenor & wife, Elizabeth; Ellen Fleenor; Gasper Fleenor & wife, Margaret; Nancy Fleenor; Levi Fleenor. All heirs of Jacob Fleenor, decd. \$242 for 90 acres on the North Fork Holston River, bordered by Starke Jett & Henry Fleenor. 1 March 1844. (DB 17, p. 40.)

Patrick Vance & wife, Catherine to Jordon Leonard. Deed of Trust for \$200. 26 December 1854. (DB 22, p. 472.)

Patton [Patrick] Vance to Henry C. Gibbons. Deed of Trust. Sums owed to Jacob Merchant; J.B. & J.C. Dunn; A.T. Litchfield; George Shaffer; and Walter Johnson. 14 May 1854. (DB 23, p. 378.)

Patrick Vance & wife, to Jordon Leonard. 30 acres, 16 pole in two tracts of land on the north side of Walkers Mountain and waters of Abrams Creek. 7 October 1857. (DB 24, p. 203.)

Patrick Vance & wife, Catherine, to Jacob L. Clayman & Harrison Hobbs. \$200 for tract of land on Abrams Creek. 15 November 1865. (DB 26, p. 238.)

Patrick Vance and Katherine Fleenor were the parents of seven known children, information from census, marriage and cemetery records. Their children were:

1. Margaret Caroline Vance was born 1840 and married Isaac L. Fleenor on 29 October 1868 in Washington Co., VA. Caroline M. Fleenor died in 1923 in Washington Co., VA and is buried in Deck Cemetery.
2. Emmett B. Vance was born 1843 and married Sarah W. Warren on 6 May 1873 in Washington Co., VA. Emmett was a Private in Company F, Confederate Army and was wounded at Bennett's Mill. Emmett died in 1935 and is buried in East Hill Cemetery, Bristol, VA.
3. Susan F. Vance was born 7 May 1846 and married Warren Crawford 15 February 1892 in Washington Co., VA. Susan Crawford died 16 February 1913 and is buried in Cedar Grove Cemetery, Washington Co., VA. Susan Vance had one daughter, Henrietter Vance, born about 1867 who married William D. Beckelheimer on 6 July 1884 in Washington Co., VA.
4. Nicholas Vance was born about 1848 and died before 1860.
5. Mary E. Vance was born about 1853 and married F. C. Ringley on 24 Dec 1884 in Washington Co., VA.
6. Peter F. Vance was a twin, born 1855. Peter married Martha J. Deck on 25 October 1877 in Washington Co., VA. Peter died in 1894 and is buried in Deck Cemetery, Washington Co., VA.
7. Nancy Vance was a twin, born 1855 in Washington Co., VA. Nothing further is known about her.



### John H. Vance

*Some information for this family was taken from "John Vance, The Vance Family of Kinderhook", published in Families of Washington County and Bristol, Virginia 1776-1996 by The Holston Territory Genealogical Society.*

John Vance married Elizabeth Haydon/Hayton on 23 October 1834 in Washington Co., VA. According to cemetery records, John was born 15 September 1814 and died 3 July 1888. He is buried in Gum Hill Cemetery, Washington Co., VA. Gum Hill Cemetery is located on County Road 799 in the Kinderhook District of Washington Co., VA. Elizabeth was born about 1815 in Virginia; no record of date of death or place of burial has been located for Elizabeth. (The marriage record for their daughter, Nancy, lists her father as John H. Vance and the marriage record for daughter, Sarah, lists her mother as Elizabeth W. Vance.) Where John was born is not certain, the 1850 census states Virginia; the 1860 census states Tennessee; and in 1870, he was listed twice, in one listing as born in Virginia and the other as born in Tennessee. In the 1860 census and one of the 1870 census listings, John is listed as not being able to read or write; in the 1850 and one of the 1870 census, he is listed as literate. If the date of birth listed on the tombstone is assumed to be correct, the census record further adds to the confusion: 1850, he was 37; in 1860, age 49; in one 1870 listing as age 60 and in the other 1870 listing as age 53 or 63.

Although John was listed as a farmer or laborer on census records and appears to have lived in the same general area all of his adult life, no deeds were found for him and census records indicate that he did not own land.

The information for John H. Vance and his family comes from census, marriage and cemetery records. John and Elizabeth first appear in the 1840 census, both being between the ages of 20 to 30, with two sons under the age of 5, one daughter 5 to 10, and one daughter under 5. Apparently one son died between the 1840 and 1850 census.

The nine known children of John H. and Elizabeth Haydon Vance were:

1. Mary Jane Vance was born about 1835 and married Milton Dodson Collins on 5 November 1860 in Washington Co., VA. Mary & Milton had two children: James W. Collins and Levisa Collins. Mary appears to be widowed by the 1870 census, and is living with her parents.
2. James H. Vance was born about 1837 and married Rachel Gobble about 1857. James H. and Rachel Gobble Vance were the parents of thirteen children, nine of whom lived to adulthood: Henry Vance, Emmett Jefferson Vance, Rachel E. Vance Gobble, Mary Vance Wright, William Anderson Vance, Martha Vance, Isaac Dickerson Vance, Nicholas Vance, and Charles Vance.
3. Martha Ann Vance was born about 1838 and married Andrew Williams on 7 February 1854. They were the parents of eleven children: Louisa Eliza, Mary Elizabeth Williams Bott, Jesse, John, William, Susan Emeline Williams Vance, Margaret, Edna, Sarah, Julia, and Charles.
4. George W. Vance was born about 1841. George is listed on the 1850 and 1860 census, but not listed on the 1870 census.
5. William Vance was born about 1844 and died before 1860.
6. Dulaney Vance was born about 1846 and died before 1860.
7. Nicholas I. Vance was born 15 September 1847 in Washington Co., VA and died 16 March 1927 in Appalachia, Wise Co., VA. Nicholas married Sarah Emeline Thompson on 16 December 1875 in Washington Co., VA. Sarah was born in 1854 and died in 1925. Nicholas and Sarah are buried in Gum Hill Cemetery. Their children were: Thomas J., James, Charles Gilmer, Ida, Calvin A., Cora N., Bertie, and Bessie Mae.
8. Nancy Catherine Vance was born about 1851 and died 14 August 1895 and is buried at Birdville, TX. Nancy married John Thomas Bott on 19 August 1869 in Washington Co, VA. John was born in 1842 in Washington Co. VA and died in 1929 at Appalachia, Wise Co., VA. (*VFA Newsletter, Jan, 1996, p. 7*)
9. Sarah Isabelle Vance was born ca. 1855 and married John S. Akers on 30 July 1885 in Washington Co., VA.

Can anyone identify John H. Vance's parents?

### Jane Vance Larimer

*The following information came from a manuscript on the Larimer Family, author R.C. L. (Larimer?), sent by Virginia Williamson, Meadowview, VA.. A portion of the entire manuscript is reprinted here, with only minor changes to clarify the individuals listed. Information in italics is new information and not in the original manuscript. Can anyone identify Jane's parents?*

John Larimer Jr. was born in 1775 in Mount Joy Twp, York (now Adams) County PA to John Larimer Sr. and Jean/Jane Larimer. He married first, Jane Vance in about 1803 (*oldest known child was born about 1802*) in Washington Co., VA. Jane Vance Larimer died before 1820. John Larimer, Jr. moved with his parents to Washington Co., VA in the 1780's. John Larimer Jr. lived near Lodi in Washington Co., VA until his death in about 1869. He is buried in a private plot 6 miles southeast of Abingdon on the Laurel Fork of the Holston River. John Larimer Jr. married second, Mary McKee on 20 January 1820 in Washington Co., VA.

The five known children of John Larimer Jr. and Jane Vance, all born in Washington Co., VA., were:

1. Sarah Larimer, *born about 1802*, married William Collins on 7 October 1819 in Washington Co., VA. *In the 1850 census, William and Sarah were living in Lee Co., VA. William was age 55, a farmer, and Sarah was age 48. Their children listed on the census were: Mary, 24; Sarah, 22; Nancy E., 20; William A., 17; Hiram, 15; Thomas J., 12; Catharine, 10; Cynthia, 8; and James, 4.*
2. John Larimer (III) was born 20 April 1804 in Washington Co., VA. After the death of his mother, Jane (nee Vance), he and his brother, Thomas Jefferson were apprenticed to a wagon maker on Kinderhook Farm in Scott Co., VA; and after a few years they moved to Lee Co. where they remained. In 1837, both John and his brother omitted the middle "i" from the family name, and thenceforth descendants have been "Larmer". John died 20 April 1871 at Hickory Flats, Lee Co., VA. On 16 September 1831, John married Elizabeth "Betsy" Allen, daughter of James Allen & Hannah Hanger, in Lee Co., VA. Betsy was born 12 February 1811 and died 5 Jul 1896 in Lee Co., VA. John and Betsy had eleven children all born in Lee Co.:
  1. Sara Jane, born 1832, married Martin V. Duff on 20 November 1862. Two children: Sam & Ballard.
  2. Thomas Jefferson, born 20 July 1836, married Molly Jessee on 12 May 1873.
  3. Hannah Katherine, born 1839, married William P. Sims on 21 January 1858. Four children: Hanger, Edger, Nellie & Lucy.
  4. Emmett B., born April 1840, married Rosa A. Carnes on 1 October 1871.
  5. Minerva A., born 18 May 1843, died 8 August 1932; married Alexander L. Lloyd on 17 January 1865.
  6. Doctor Vance, born December 1845, died 1920; married Mary Lloyd on 1 January 1869.
  7. Mary E., born 1850, married Elijah W. Bishop about 1870. Five children: Will, Charles, Emmett, Dorsey, & Martha.
  8. John S., born 1 September 1852, died 20 December 1870; married Minerva \_\_\_\_.
  9. Rebecca A., born 9 October 1853/4, died 6 Feb 1934; married her cousin Evan Spencer Larmer.
  10. Evan Stubblefield
  11. James
3. Vance C. Larimer was born about 1809 and married Margaret McSpadden on 8 January 1838 in Washington Co., VA. *In the 1850 census, Vance C. Larmore, age 41, a farmer, born VA and Margaret L., age 32, born VA, were living in DeKalb Co., AL. Their children were: Letitia I., 11; Hugh P.C., 6; Sarah W., 4; and Samuel E. G., 2. The 1860 DeKalb Co., AL census shows Vance C. Larmore, 51; Margaret L., 40; Letitia J., 20; Hugh P.C., 15; Ellen, 13; Samuel G., 11; Thomas W., 9; Mary J., 7; Asker, 5; Charles, 3; and Laura, 1. All children were born in AL.*
4. Thomas Jefferson Larimer was born 3 September 1811 in Washington Co., VA. He moved to Lee Co., VA with his brother John and remained there the rest of his life, dying 24 June 1887 at Hickory Flats. He also changed his name to "Larmer"; family legend indicates that this occurred with the birth of his son, Samuel,

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when the medical attendant had certified the birth without the middle "i" and suggested that this was a better way to spell the name, as otherwise he would have to fill in a new certificate. On 22 August 1833, in Lee Co., VA, Thomas married Catherine H. Allen. She was the daughter of James Allen & Hannah Hanger and a younger sister of Elizabeth Allen Larmer. Catherine was born 28 November 1814 and died 3 June 1897 in Lee Co., VA. Thomas J. and Catherine were the parents of nine children all born in the Hickory Flats area of Lee Co.:

1. John Vance, born 30 August 1834 and died in infancy.
2. Samuel Patton, born 32 July 1837 and died 19 February 1900; married Elizabeth Jane Rose.
3. James Allen, born 5 May 1839, married Nancy Pennington.
4. Rebecca Elizabeth, born April 1841, married George Hickham.
5. Hannah Jane, born 6 April 1843 and died 24 November 1894; married James Henderson Graham. Eight children: Laura, Emmitt Vance, Ralph, Rosa, Eliza, Henry, Samuel H., Bradley.
6. Evan Spencer, born 17 Feb 1845, married his cousin, Rebecca Larmer.
7. Sarah Catherine, born 18 Jul 1847, married William Bishop on 2 September 1869.
8. Thomas Jefferson, born 19 Jan 1850, married Elizabeth J. Hickam.
9. Peter Hanger Allen, born 18 December 1853 and died 1933; married Lutitia F. Lloyd.

5. Jessie Larimer was the 5<sup>th</sup> child of John Larimer and Jane Vance, named in the manuscript. No further information has been found on Jessie.

*Points to Ponder: One name that is not commonly found in the Vance family is the name "Emmett". Yet, Patrick Vance named his oldest son, Emmett B.; John and Elizabeth's son, James H. Vance named his second son, Emmett Jefferson; and Jane Vance Larimer's son, John Larimer/Larmer named his second son Emmett B.*

*It is also interesting that John Larimer/Larmer named one of his son's "Doctor Vance Larmer". Is this a clue to his ancestry? Was Jane Vance Larimer a daughter of Dr. Patrick Vance and Mary Graham? What is known about the family of Dr. Patrick Vance comes from the handwritten notes of William Balbirnie. Balbirnie's "informant" is believed to be Dr. William Nicholas Vance, son of William Kirkpatrick Vance; grandson of Dr. Patrick Vance. It is possible that Dr. William N. Vance identified only the three sons for whom he had personal knowledge and not the entire family. From Balbirnie's notes, it was stated that William K. Vance was the youngest son and from family sources that William was born in 1780. Since Dr. Patrick Vance did not die until 1791, it is possible that more children were born to Dr. Patrick and Mary Graham Vance after 1780.*

*In the Larimer Manuscript it is stated that John Larimer/Larmer was apprenticed to a wagon maker on Kinderhook Farm in Scott Co., VA. While researching this area, a Kinderhook Farm originally owned by the Kendrick family was located near Mendota in Washington Co., VA near the Scott Co. line. This is the same area of Washington Co., VA in which Patrick and John H. Vance lived.*

*There is another interesting connection between the Larimer family and the Vances. VFA member, Bill Allen, sent information on Thomas Vance(1770/4-1835) who married Sudney Lewis on 12 January 1804 in Knox Co., TN. Thomas and Sudney's son, George G. Vance married Dorcas Condra. Dorcas Condra was the daughter of John Condra and Margaret "Peggy" Larimer. From the Larimer manuscript, Margaret Larimer Condra and John Larimer Jr. (husband of Jane Vance) were brother and sister. Is there some relationship between Thomas Vance and Jane Vance Larimer or is this merely a coincidence?*

*While John H. Vance lived in the same general area of Washington Co. as the descendants of John/Jane Black Vance and Samuel/Margaret Laughlin Vance, he does not appear related to them. Hugh Vance had at least one son in the same age range as John.. However, Hugh's daughter, Mary J. Vance, born in 1814, the same year that John was reportedly born. If John is Hugh's son, we can only assume that he and Mary J. were twins. John H. and Elizabeth named their oldest daughter, Mary Jane, who was born the same year that Mary J. Vance died. Was she named after John's sister? Since twins are sometimes found in the same family lines, it is interesting to note that Patrick's youngest children, Peter and Nancy were twins. Patrick also named a daughter, Mary E.; both John H. and Patrick named children Nicholas and Nancy.*

**MONTGOMERY COUNTY, TENNESSEE**

Research by Mary Vance Norfleet

**John Curlou Vance** of Craven County, State of North Carolina to William Cock, 10£ current money for every 100 acres that John now holds or claims in the County of Davidson or on any other waters of the Cumberland River, in his own right or as heir to his father **John Vance** or as heir at law to his deceased brother, **William Vance**. Father **John Vance** for his service as Captain of the Artillery of the State of North Carolina and land granted to him lying on Brushy Creek, 3840 acres; **John Curlou Vance**, 1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant in the Artillery of the State of North Carolina, land lying on Will's Creek on the South Side of the Cumberland River, 2560 acres; and the land in Davidson County allowed my brother, **William Vance**, dec. for his services as a Sargent in the Artillery of the State of North Carolina. June Session 1790. Signed John C. Vance Witness: Benjamin Cloud, Samuel Riggs, Robert Blair. Registered 20 October 1790. Hawkins County [TN] Montgomery Co., TN Deed Book B, p. 493

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State of North Carolina No. 2127

Know ye that we have granted unto **Elijah Vance** a private in the Continental lines of said State two hundred and twenty eight acres of Land in our County of Tennessee on Spring Creek the west fork of the Red river. Beginning at a white oak and hickory on the North side about twenty poles from the creek runs East two hundred and forty poles to the post oak, South two hundred and forty poles to a black oak West to hundred and forty two poles to a Stake North 100 and fifty two poles to the Beginning To hold to the said **Elijah Vance** his heirs and assigns forever dated 10<sup>th</sup> May 1793. Montgomery Co., TN Deed Book I, p. 701.

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**Samuel B. Vance**

On the 19<sup>th</sup> of October 1829, **David W. Vance**, **Samuel Grant** and **S. W. Carney** all from Montgomery Co., TN apply to courts in Montgomery for an administrators bond for **Samuel Vance**, deceased. (RB F, p. 6) The inventory of the personal estate of **Samuel B. Vance** was filed in the April term, 1830; **D. W. Vance**, administrator. (RB F, p. 81) **Eliva Jane Vance**, **R. Moody**, **James Carr** and **M. Gordon** are bound to the court in the sum of \$8000 for the benefit of **Samuel B. Vance**, infant heir of **S. B. Vance**, deceased. **Eliva J. Vance** appointed Guardian. July Term 1831. (RB F, p. 226) Guardian report by **Daniel R. Merritt**, guardian for **Samuel B. Vance**, lists normal expenses of boarding, clothes and "expenses in traveling to State of Mississippi and back and while there divided time between Guardian and ward; also expense of surveying and dividing a tract of land. 1832. (RB F, p. 435)

**Samuel Barnett Vance** was born 8 February 1800 and died 19 July 1829, son of **James Vance**, who was the first Vance to be listed in the 1820 Mississippi census. (See *VFA NL, January, 1994, p. 6 & 7 for bible record.*)

**Mary Vance Grant**

**Samuel Grant**, listed in the administrator's bond for **Samuel B. Vance**, was the husband of **Mary Vance**. (Note bible record listed above indicates **Ruthy Vance** married **Samuel Grant**.) On the 10<sup>th</sup> of August 1822, **Samuel Grant** purchased 135 acres on Spring Creek, property bordered on the Kentucky State line. (DB K, p. 498) Cemetery records were found for Grant Cemetery located on the Port Royal-Guthrie Road, District #1 on a farm owned by **Bernard Wofford** (March 1969). The cemetery is enclosed by an Osage Orange fence and covers about an acre. "**Mary Vance Grant**, wife of **Samuel Barnett Grant**, mother of CG, MAG, MGM, EMG, EG, SBG Jr." "**Samuel Barnett Grant** husband of (1) **Mary Vance** and (2) **Eliza Bowling**, father of (1) CG, MAG, MGM, EMG, EG, SBG Jr. (2) JG, DHG, EMC, TVR, WG." There are no dates on either tombstone. Two of **Samuel and Mary Grant's** children are also buried in this cemetery. **Martha Ann Grant**, 1822-1906. and **Emeline Merritt Grant**, first number blank-1922.

**SUMNER COUNTY, TENNESSEE**  
**INDEX TO LOOSE RECORDS**  
Research by Mary Norfleet

A group of volunteers has indexed the Sumner County, TN loose records found boxed in the courthouse. These records have been microfilmed (approximately 180 roles) and are available at the Sumner County Archives, 155 East Main Street, Gallatin, TN 37066 (hours 8:00 a. m. to 4:30 p. m., Monday through Friday) or at the Tennessee State Library and Archives, 403 Seventh Avenue North, Nashville, TN 37219. If you are unable to visit either location, a professional genealogist could be employed to sift through the records for you; both facilities have a list of qualified genealogists. The author of the index, Shirley Wilson, cautions that the following records be used as supplemental information to official records found in the various Sumner County records.

**WILLS**

Most of the wills found appear to be original, since many of the wills did not have a probate date on them, the date listed in the index is the date the will was actually written.

David Vance Sr.; 1831; File # 246

**ESTATES**

When using the estate index, it is important to remember that two men with the same name might have been combined into one estate or that one man's estate could be listed two or more times. Guardianship records can also be found in estate papers.

David Vance; 1831; File # 1016  
David Vance; 1849; File # 1595

Vance, guardian; 1852; File # 1509  
J. M. Vance; 1906; File # 3394

**LAWSUITS**

The category of lawsuits includes records from the various courts and may include two or more entries for what is actually one lawsuit. Some unusual documents were indexed in this category including land plats, power of attorney, marriage bonds, citizenship records, pension applications, guardianship records, apprenticeships, adoptions and name changes. Many depositions were indexed which contain testimony of the individual and often age and place of birth. It is suggested that all cases relating to your surname be researched.

David & Jane Vance; See Towson File # 5807  
David Vance; See Andrews, File # 4996  
David Vance; See Gillespie, File # 8646  
David Vance, See Watson, File # 10711  
David Vance, dec'd; See Gillespie, File # 1344  
David Vance, dec'd; See Nelson, File # 499  
David Vance, dec'd; See Vance, File # 7371  
David Vance, dec'd; See Vance, File # 7380  
David Vance vs. George G. Douglas; 1829; File # 13173  
David Vance vs. John P. Erwin; 1825; File # 12441  
Elizabeth Vance; See Vance, File # 7371  
George Vance; See Leath, File # 12480  
J. Vance; See Anderson, File # 1369  
J. B. Vance vs. J. C. Stewart, 1886; File # 2676  
James B. Vance; See Childress, File # 11211  
James B. Vance; See Dutton, File # 10809  
James B. Vance; See Dutton, File # 3453

James M. Vance et al; See Gillespie, File # 1344  
John Vance; See Gillespie, File # 10869  
John Vance et al vs. Elizabeth Vance; 1837; File # 7371  
Mary Vance; See Ferguson, File # 10868  
Mary J. Vance; See Johnson, File # 2051  
Susan Vance, See Mills, File # 8596  
W. C. Vance; See Ellis, File # 10927  
W. C. Vance; See Kirk, File # 11063  
W. C. Vance deposition; See Harris, File # 5197  
W. C. Vance vs. John & George Erwin; 1853; File # 9873  
W. C. Vance vs. Jones W. Locke; 1858; File # 725  
William & Mary Vance; See Johnson, File # 3160  
William C. Vance; See Gross, File # 8449  
William C. Vance vs. John Daley; 1855; File # 7380  
William C. Vance vs. Michael Duffy; 1849; File # 7382  
Wm. C. Vance; See Watson, File # 10627  
Wm. Vance et al; See Nelson, File # 499

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**THE CONFEDERATE SERVICE OF COUSINS CALVIN AND JOHN VANCE**

(This is part of the family history of Larri Jennings' Vance ancestors written by husband, Dale. They live at 194 Vance Road, Benton, LA 71006)

The identity of William Calvin Vance has eluded Vance family chroniclers and descendants. Calvin or "Cal" is referred to as a cousin in relationship to some members of Nathaniel Vance's family line, but his parentage is a mystery. An obituary profile of Calvin states that he was born in Spartanburg, South Carolina. His date of birth is known only to the extent that he was born in 1840. The same obituary tells us that he attended school first in Columbia, South Carolina, and later finished his education at the Citadel. Nineteen-year-old W. C. Vance is placed at the Citadel in Charleston, S.C., by the 1860 census, the first census report in which he can be found. Information furnished by the Citadel confirms that sixteen-year-old W. C. Vance was admitted to "Arsenal" January 1, 1857, and transferred to the Citadel January 1, 1858. Arsenal Academy, located in Columbia, was part of the state military academy system and was attended by all freshmen cadets. Also furnished was the information that Calvin graduated April 9, 1861, three days before South Carolina forces fired on Fort Sumter in Charleston Harbor. Calvin's address was given as Abbeville District (county).

South Carolina became the first Southern state to secede from the Union on December 20, 1860. Washington and South Carolina then entered into a "stand-down" state of negotiations over Federal occupation of Charleston's harbor defenses. Union commander, Major Robert Anderson, aggravated an already tense situation by moving his troops under cover of darkness from the land-based Fort Moultrie, to the uncompleted but more defensible Fort Sumter at the entrance to Charleston Harbor. Governor Pickens learned that the merchant steamer "Star of the West" was under steam for Charleston with 200 troops and supplies for reinforcement of Fort Sumter. He ordered Citadel superintendent, Major P. F. Stevens, with a detachment of cadets to Cummings Point on Morris Island to emplace and man a battery of heavy guns. Calvin Vance was one of those cadets. The steamer in its entry through the harbor ship channel would come under the cadets' 24-pounders before coming into range of other South Carolina batteries at Forts Moultrie and Pinkney.

On January 9, 1861, the Citadel cadets fired what could arguably be considered the first shot fired in the Civil War as they volleyed at and scored one hit on the "Star of the West." Other batteries at Fort Moultrie opened up with a few rounds with no effect. The captain of the steamer receiving no support from Fort Sumter turned back with only light damage. History has not preserved the names of all of these young men (the *Charleston Mercury* reported that forty cadets took part). All of William Calvin Vance's obituaries cite his participation. Calvin's *Bossier Banner* obituary of October 13, 1898, relates that from the Citadel, "... he went with a corps of cadets who fired the first gun of the war on the "Star of the West" when that ship attempted to reinforce Fort Sumter Jan. 9, 1861."

Cool heads on both sides delayed the attack on Fort Sumter for three months. Governor Pickens had mobilized State troops to Charleston and was now expecting an imminent seaborne invasion in an attempt to lift the siege. John and Cal Vance were part of this force and were present upon the opening bombardment of Fort Sumter on April 12, 1861, and its surrender the next day.

("The hounds of war were off the leash." The next four years would see Vance pitted against Vance. The Index to Compiled Confederate Military Records--although containing much duplication as many served in multiple units--lists the names of more than 500 Vances. On the other side, Pennsylvania alone contributed more than 60 Vances to the Union cause. Here the Confederate service of two Vance cousins is put into context of a broader framework of that Civil War. Much is owed William M. Obering, a John C. Vance descendant living in the Jackson, Wyoming, area, for sharing his material.)

John Chappell Vance was the son of Allen Vance of Laurens County, S.C., and his wife, Mary Matilda Chappell, of nearby Chappell's Depot in Newberry County. John was born near Cross Hill, Laurens County, August 25, 1843, soon moving with his family to Greenwood, Abbeville County. In 1860, he entered the freshmen class of South Carolina College (now the University of South Carolina) in Columbia. During the patriotic fervor which prevailed following secession, John joined the "College Cadet Company." They were mobilized to Charleston in response to the governor's appeal for troops; presented themselves for duty in the defense of Charleston; and were present at Fort Moultrie upon the opening of hostilities.

The 2nd (Palmetto) Regiment, South Carolina Infantry was called into State service about April 9, 1861, for a period of twelve months. The Greenwood area supplied one of its companies, the Secession Guards, which



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according to family tradition was financed by Allen Vance. Elected captain of the "Guards" was William Watson Perryman, a wealthy Abbeville County plantation owner and a Vance relative. Perryman's company was raised on January 10, 1861; was ordered on April 14 to rendezvous as Company A with the 7th South Carolina Regiment in Charleston; and left Greenwood on the 17th. William Calvin Vance, originally carried on the rolls as "Calvin W. Vance," was enlisted as a private in the Secession Guards at Greenwood on April 14, 1861. He was "joined for duty and enrolled" in Charleston April 20, with "miles to place of rendezvous 00." In Charleston, the men of the Secession Guards volunteered to go to Virginia. The company was reassigned to Colonel Joseph B. Kershaw's 2nd South Carolina Volunteer Regiment on April 30, and soon left to join the four companies which had already departed for Richmond. One of Calvin's obituaries reads in part, "When the late war broke out, he was in the Senior Class of the Citadel, Charleston, S.C., was stationed with cadets on Morris Island, before and during the bombardment of Fort Sumter. Receiving his diploma immediately after this, he joined Capt. Perryman's Company from Greenwood, S.C. and went to Virginia without even coming home." John C. Vance, a cousin of both W. Calvin Vance and W. W. Perryman, would wait until after his eighteenth birthday to enlist in the company.

General Milledge Bonham, commander of State troops, took the small brigade consisting of the 1st and 2nd South Carolina Regiments to Richmond. There the 2nd was joined by Captain Perryman's Company F, and all were mustered into Confederate States service on May 22 and 23. They were immediately dispatched by General Robert E. Lee by rail to Manassas Junction to join a small Virginia force beginning a build-up in that strategic area. Calvin's brigade of four South Carolina regiments would be posted to Mitchell's Ford on Bull Run Creek, between Manassas and the Union approach from Washington. When the ensuing battle's outcome hung in the balance at its focal point on Henry Hill, the 2nd and 8th SC Regiments were rushed there from Mitchell's Ford. Their insertion into the battle, followed closely by the brigades of General Kirby Smith and Colonel Jubal Early, forced the retreat of the Federals. The troops of the 2nd South Carolina, as part of the Confederate pursuit, were contributory witnesses to the historic route of Northern forces at First Manassas (Bull Run).

The long lull in activity in the Virginia theater following Manassas allowed for reorganization of forces on both sides. The 2nd SC Regiment became part of General Kershaw's Brigade, General Lafayette McLaws' Division, Army of the Potomac (soon renamed Army of Northern Virginia). John Vance enlisted into Company F and joined his cousin Cal near Manassas.

In the Spring, McLaws' Division helped oppose General McClellan's Peninsula Campaign, culminating in the successful defense of Richmond during the Seven Days' battles. Corporal Calvin Vance was slightly wounded during the Seven Days, his 2nd Regiment taking heavy casualties at Savage Station and Malvern Hill. Calvin and John missed the Battle of Second Manassas as McLaws' Division remained to protect Richmond until the vanquished Federals completed their evacuation on the James River. Flush from victory at Manassas, Lee embarked on his invasion of Maryland. General McLaws hastened north with Kershaw's and his other brigades passing through the Manassas battlefield with its yet unburied dead, to Harpers Ferry. They combined efforts with the forces of General "Stonewall" Jackson to capture that arsenal and Union stronghold as a part of Lee's Maryland strategy. The battle of Sharpsburg, or Antietam, was the bloodiest and most hotly contested single day of the war. Confederate divisions contained the onslaught of Union corps until Lee could retrieve his divisions from Harpers Ferry. Disaster was narrowly averted with the timely arrival and exemplary performance of McLaws' Division. A shaky stalemate at Sharpsburg spelled the failure of Lee's Maryland campaign and he withdrew back across the Potomac. Nearly one-third of his Rebel army had become casualties--one of those wounded along Antietam Creek was Calvin Vance.

In October 1862, General Lee reorganized the Army, one result being a more manageable two-corps army. McLaws' Division became part of General James Longstreet's I Corps. The II Corps was given to Stonewall Jackson. In the reorganization and reelection of officers, Cal Vance was elected 2nd lieutenant. Calvin and John fought in most of the major engagements of the Army of Northern Virginia, to include Fredericksburg in December. McLaws' Division, from their strong defensive position, inflicted nearly 9,000 of the Union's 13,000 casualties suffered at Fredericksburg. The terrible carnage prompted Lee to remark to Longstreet as they looked on, "It is well that war is so terrible--we should grow too fond of it." General Longstreet soon required a courier. He wrote General Kershaw to send him "one who would enter Hell if sent." John was selected. He would perform his new duties on a fine Arabian mare given to him by his father. As a gallant courier for General Longstreet, whose counsel and ability Lee relied on most, John would witness and participate in events which greatly impacted history.

General Lee's defeat of general Hooker at Chancellorsville in the Spring of 1863 encouraged him to undertake another invasion of the North. The armies of Lee and Meade collided near Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, on July 1st. McLaws' Division headed the offensive of the second day which smashed through formation after formation of the

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Federal army before finally being stopped. Decimated in the fighting, the Division played only a supporting role in the failed assault against the Union center on Cemetery Ridge the next day. (Company F's heavy casualties of July 2nd included the mortal wounding of Captain McDowell, who had only recently succeeded Captain Peryman, incapacitated for field duty by typhoid fever.) Calvin was promoted to Captain of Company F effective July 3, the last day of the battle. Lee withdrew the army back to Virginia. Doctor Tom Vance, John's second cousin, was left at Gettysburg to treat the wounded, and was captured the next day, the Fourth of July. The war continued.

Following Gettysburg, Longstreet persuaded Lee to allow him to take McLaws' and Hood's Divisions west to bolster the reeling Army of Tennessee. They arrived in time to join General Bragg in the successful conduct of the Battle of Chickamauga in northern Georgia. The fighting closely rivaled that of Sharpsburg in its ferocity and casualties. Very heavy losses were felt on both sides--David and Matilda in Laurens lost their 22-year-old son, Sergeant William Arthur Butler Vance, at Chickamauga. General Longstreet was forced to retire eastward after his failed campaign against Knoxville and Bragg's defeat at Chattanooga. He committed elements to include Kershaw's Brigade to a rear-guard action at Bean Station in East Tennessee in December. Here, Captain Vance received a wound of serious enough nature to warrant a furlough home. Calvin was once again present and in command of his company in the Battle of the Wilderness in Virginia on May 6, 1864. He was again wounded and furloughed home for 90 days. He gave his address while home as Greenwood, Abbeville District, South Carolina. The date of his return was not noted, but he was again present for the May/June muster roll on June 30.

John Vance's duties as courier for General Longstreet were tragically interrupted when the corps commander was severely wounded by his own Virginia troops at the Wilderness on May 6. He probably continued courier duty for Longstreet's successor until Fall. Captain John Hampton Brooks was at that time tasked by Generals Lee and Beauregard to organize a foreign battalion from the Federal prisoners at Florence, S.C. John joined his cousin, Brooks, in this effort. The Brooks Battalion was sent in December to the defense of Savannah, but its membership proved unruly and mutinous, and were soon returned to prison.

Captain Vance's typically incomplete military records do include a series of requisition/issue documents which pinpoint his whereabouts on specific dates. On July 31, 1864, near Petersburg, Virginia, he signed for 2 jackets, 12 pairs of pants, 6 shirts, 16 pairs of drawers, and 9 pairs of shoes. This was no doubt in preparation for the campaign shortly to begin. General Kershaw's I Corps Division was attached to General Jubal Early's II Corps Shenandoah Valley Campaign in July 1864. The expedition was sent north down the Valley by Lee to threaten an invasion of the North, thus relieving pressure from the besieged Petersburg and Richmond. The ill-fated campaign culminated in the Confederate defeat in the Battle of Cedar Creek in mid-October. In the battle, Early's forces were initially successful in putting the enemy to flight and capturing large amounts of equipment and commissary stores. The Confederate pursuit lost momentum as destitute Southern troops paused to secure items from the abundance of captured Northern foodstuffs and clothing items. General Sheridan rallied his troops and in a determined counterattack, Early's forces were thoroughly routed and badly scattered. D. Augustus Dickert in his *History of Kershaw's Brigade* says that officers were lost from their companies, colonels from their regiments and generals from their commands and staffs. Despite the seriousness of this unexplainable stampede by an inferior force, each man later had an amusing tale to tell on his neighbor or on himself. Captain Vance with his friend, Sergeant Myer Moses, captured a horse and were making their way south through the thickets in the darkness when stopped by a squad of Federal pickets. The lawyer from Sumter, S.C., tried to talk his way through by pretending to be a Yankee. (Myer, who was Jewish, was born in New York, but raised in South Carolina.) He claimed a New York regiment, but failed the query on specifics. At the commencement of this parley, Calvin slipped off the back of the horse and quietly made his escape.

Calvin writes home to a cousin of an earlier fiasco--damaging, but less disastrous--just after its occurrence near the mouth of the Shenandoah in West Virginia in August. First, as told by Dickert, "The Federals had surveyed the field, and seeing our pickets so lax, and in such bad order for defense, undertook to surprise them. With a body of cavalry concealed in the forest in the front, they made their way, under cover of a ravine, until within a short distance of the unsuspecting pickets. Then, with a shout and a volley, they dashed upon the line and over it, capturing nearly all, made their way to the rear, and captured Lieutenant Colonel Maffet and many of his reserves."

Calvin recounts the incident in his letter home, the first page of which is missing, so begins on the second page:

"...horrifying to our callous hearted soldiers, who have become thoroughly inured to everything tenant upon a three year campaign. From Winchester to Charlestown we made a running fight, but the enemy made us stubborn resistance. Charlestown is a place of some notoriety from the fact that it is where John Brown performed on the tight rope. Now begins the awful part of my story. On the 25th the race



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ceased and we confronted each other about one mile from town. I as usual had the misfortune to be on the picket line and was warned of the proximity to the enemy by the whistle of an occasional minnie, but a sound so common as to hardly evoke a passing remark. It had a meaning however this time, and soon the keen bark of the rifle and a loud huzza told us that they were upon us. Now comes the tug of war, give them hell boys and other terms suitable to the occasion rang along, but to my surprise I saw the line on my right give way and soon my company stood unprotected with a heavy force on flank and front. I saw the precarious condition we were in and ordered a retreat, & then it was devil take the hindmost. We made good time across an open field midst a perfect shower of bullets but not without some light loss. I had five men wounded (two I am afraid mortal) and three taken prisoners, which is a heavy list of casualties for companies that number so few. The regiment lost thirty men. The 15th Regt lost eighty three, nearly all prisoners. I detest these insignificant skirmishes where it amounts to nothing and gobbles up our men. I don't like these transient armies. I prefer the main army. If we had rail road communications it would be all right, but an army without a base of supplies must necessarily suffer. The men are already beginning to feel the want of chow, clothing, & by the time this campaign is through they will be perfectly destitute. We have stirring news from Richmond today, but we are too old to be much elated or depressed by reports. We know our duty and it requires no stimulant to make us perform it. The Northern news is very encouraging. The peace sentiment prevails throughout the country judging from the tenor of the press. We have not been greeted with any stirring news from Georgia recently, & I think it is time they should enter into some play there, as our performance would be more interesting with competition farther South. Well I expect you are sick of war news."

The fourth page--the last--is only partly readable, and deals with a situation back home. The content is open to conjecture, but my effort to decipher Cal's last page is on the following page. "Suber" was a family name common in South Carolina's Newberry District. "Aunt Matilda" was probably David Vance's second wife, Matilda, who died in March 1865. The remark passed on from John W\_\_\_ to Calvin's cousin appears to be in jest and to have nothing to do with the content of the letter.

John rejoined Calvin's Company F of Kershaw's old brigade of South Carolinians, now commanded by General John D. Kennedy. They were transferred back to their home state at the request of South Carolina's governor in the face of General Sherman's invasion of the deep South. The brigade was consolidated into the army of General Joseph E. Johnston attempting to counter Sherman's swing up through the Carolinas from Savannah. He saw his opportunity near Bentonville, North Carolina, to throw his force of less than 20,000 against a divided wing of Sherman's army numbering more than 30,000. The Battle of Bentonville on March 19-21, 1865, was the last great battle of the war. When Sherman consolidated his army, Johnston broke contact under cover of darkness on the night of the 21st and made his escape. John was severely wounded in the thigh, left on the field, and reported mortally wounded. The last chance to reverse the fortunes of the Confederacy had failed.

John was laid out with other wounded in a ruined church serving as a makeshift hospital. The wounded were then loaded on freight cars for transport to the nearest town. Loose cotton put down on John's car floor as comfort for the injured caught fire from engine sparks. Many of the wounded died from the fire or from crashing to the ground as they rolled out of the car. It was not John's time to die as he rolled out of that flaming car and down a steep embankment. As soon as he recovered sufficiently, he cut a sapling from which he made a crude crutch and hobbled and crawled to the nearest house. From there, he hobbled on crutches and caught short rides between burned bridges on his long, slow journey back to Greenwood. On one of these rides, he said he was lifted into a boxcar by General John C. Breckenridge, who had in there all the archives and records of the Confederacy. (Breckenridge was a Kentucky Senator and Buchanan's Vice President before the war. He is now the undaunted last Secretary of War, CSA). John was given a seat on a keg containing silver coin which he said was afterward divided among the Davis bodyguard at Abbeville, S.C., fourteen miles beyond Greenwood.

Allen Vance, upon hearing of his son's death and not being able to travel himself, sent an old servant with a wagon and coffin to bring back the body. When John finally hobbled in, even his mother didn't recognize him until he yelled "Get back from me, Maw. I'm full of body lice!" This pitiful, ragged creature stood in stark contrast to the spoiled young dandy who left for war four years before. His happy family cleaned John up and nursed him back to health.

of war news,  
but your expression on this subject would  
not allow me. Grist for joy. You know  
was to get the two together whenever I went home,  
that is if "Suber". If your statement is correct which  
I dare not doubt, the knowing people are  
badly fooled, for I have been thinking my mail  
would be addressed Mrs. Suber for some time.  
Just instruct that her claim to  
trust in me will never be betrayed. Write as  
immediately as you find out. I received a  
letter from (Mattie) She told me that she  
was highly pleased with my (effort) but I  
can assure you that (Mattie's) design was to  
remit (blame) to me. I think she was  
probably impressed with "Suber". I had  
rather see him than any man on  
the turf. Geo W. says don't hurry yourself  
off there is always a chance for you to do  
well as long as he remains single.  
I am very sorry to hear that Aunt Matilda  
is in such health, but I hope the coming  
winter will prove a healing balm. Much  
love to all.  
Write Soon  
Your loving Cousin  
Cal

(AS YOU CAN SEE, WE HAVE NOT BROKEN CALVIN'S TRUST BY REVEALING THE NAME  
OF THE MAIDEN)

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Captain Vance surrendered with Johnston's army at Goldsboro, NC, on April 26, under the same terms agreed upon between Lee and Grant on April 9. He was paroled at Greensboro, NC, on May 2, 1865. Calvin had been at war for more than four years in eight states and had been wounded five times (according to a later statement by his widow). He and his cousin had seen it through from start to finish, and now the war was over for Calvin and John.

(Larri Jo Jennings is descended from William Calvin Vance)



JOHN CHAPPELL VANCE



WILLIAM CALVIN VANCE

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17. William Calvin Vance Civil War letter, copy in possession of William M. Obering.
18. Civil War pension applications.
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**CHESTER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA**

**Andrew and John Vance**

By Kathleen Mason

**Research of Mickey Hills, via Internet.** She does not have a Vance line, but found documents and shared them with VFA. Her McClesky line and Vances were neighbors, but no kinship has been ascertained. We are attempting to identify an **Andrew Vance** who lived close to a **John Vance** of Faggs Manor, Chester County, Pennsylvania. **John Vance's** name is on a survey in the same area of Fagg's Manor, Londonderry Twp., Chester County, Pa. Betty Silfies found this information on Faggs Manor. Located between New London and Octorara area, owned by Penn's daughter Letitia and named in honor of Sir John Fagg. The Fagg Manor United Presbyterian Church was founded in 1730. Address: Rt. 2, Cochranville, PA. Most Scotch Irish from this church landed at New Castle, Delaware and other points in Delaware. See NL Apr 1996, pg. 63/4 for article on **John Vance**.

**Andrew Vance** and George Corsby/Correy (?) were administrators of the estate of a David McClesky in 1732, in Chester County, PA. This may be the same reference as referred to July 1996 NL pg 82, where the name was transcribed as David McGireston. The survey shows the spelling as McClesky.

Administrators of the estate of David McGuffie, dated 19 Apr 1732 were **Andrew Vance**, George Correy and Henry Small (X). **Vance** and Correy signed their name. The bond of administration was to Peter Evans, Regr of probate of wills. They were to make accounting of same by 19 April 1733. Document witnessed by Timoty Morton (?) X, and Jas. Parker. The bond was filed 19 April 1732, No. 440.

Those named on November 12, 1732 as owing the estate were John Cook, Hugh Miller, James Donnellk (?), Thomas Taylor, Walter Rodgers, Widow Gowry, Walter Carson, James Beaty, James Moor. Another list shows additional names of John Callender and Ann McGuinery(?). **Andrew Vance** submitted a list aggregating 7-3-4 ½ for his expenses administering this estate. This document was signed with (X). The list of expenses included a trip for himself and two men to Chester for two days as well as also going to Chester for the August Court for himself and another man. Of course it included one gallon of rum for the venue. That seemed to be standard procedure.

Signature of Andrew Vance 19 Apr 1732

*Andrew Vance*

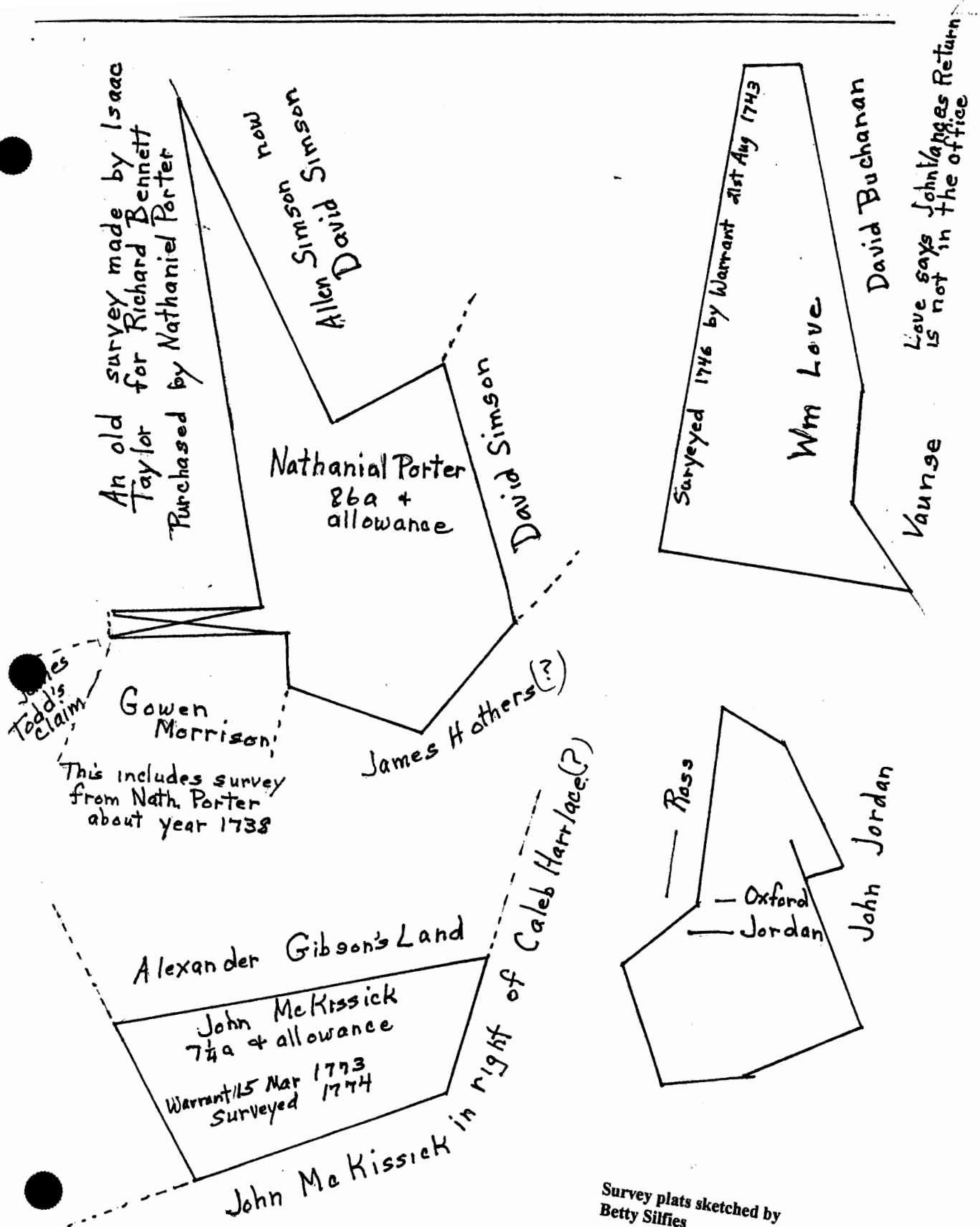
At the final accounting May 31 1733, **Andrew Vance** signed by (X).

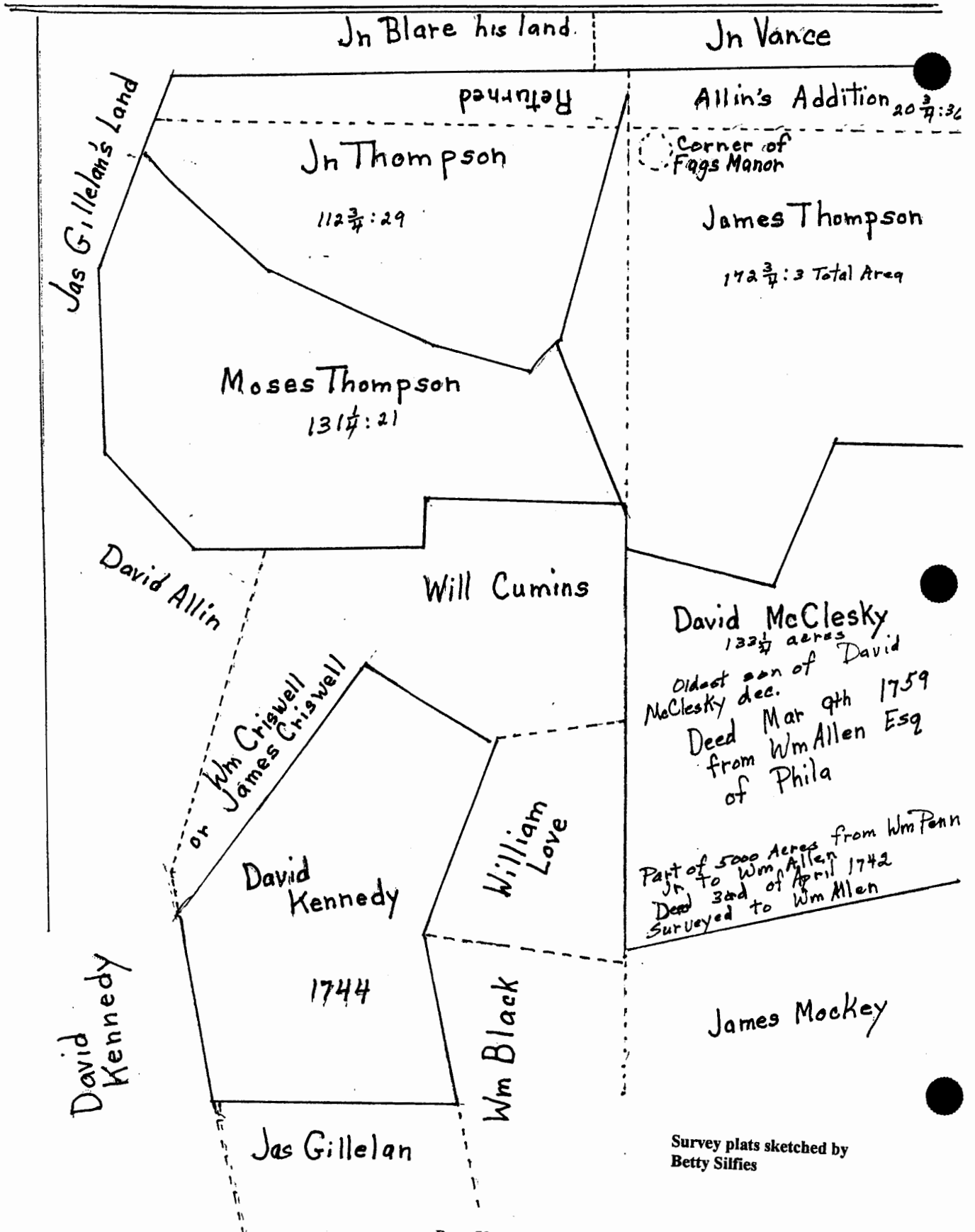
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Other research of Mickey Hills: Baltimore Co. MD Deed Index:

TB-Ep490 **Andrew Vance** to Robert Brerely 1747 (same or different Andrew..location nearby)

-YP505 **David Vance** from William Hannah 1786.







**SUNDRY VANCE REFERENCES IN CHESTER COUNTY**  
**Research of Betty Silfies**

**Tax Lists:**

|          |                    |                                                                                    |
|----------|--------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1732/5/6 | Andrew Vance       | New London Twp                                                                     |
| 1722     | John Vance         | Londonderry Twp                                                                    |
| 1729     | John Vance         | W. Marlborough Twp                                                                 |
| 1730     | John Vance         | W. Marlborough Twp                                                                 |
| 1734     | John Vance         | Warrant to survey the land in W. Marlborough Twp.<br>Moved to Londonderry Twp 1735 |
| 1735/51  | John Vance         | Londonderry Twp Not in tax list after 1751..                                       |
| 1748     | William Vance      | Nantmeal Twp                                                                       |
| 1751     | William Vance      | Nantmeal Twp Poor                                                                  |
| 1768     | John Vance, Jockey | New London Twp. -0- acres, 1 horse, 1 cattle                                       |

**What happened to Andrew after 1736? Is there a connection to the John Vance, a jockey, who appears in 1768 in New London Twp? Last record of John of Londonderry Twp. was 1751 - what happened to him?**

**Tax Assessments:**

|      |                 |                    |          |
|------|-----------------|--------------------|----------|
| 1730 | John Vance      | W. Marlborough Twp | 48 pence |
| 1750 | Elizabeth Vance | Nantmeal Twp       | 18 pence |
| 1750 | John Vance      | Londonderry        | 60 pence |
| 1750 | William Vance   | New London         | 12 pence |
| 1765 | Joseph Vance    | W. Nottingham Twp  | 24 pence |

**Court Pleas:**

|                    |                 |          |
|--------------------|-----------------|----------|
| Jacob Vance CCD-12 | p. 170 Oct 1809 | A/B      |
| John Vance CCM     | p. 170 May 1752 | Petition |

**Abstract of Wills:**

Pg. 119. Silas Fryor, Kennett Twp. Apr. 14 - June 13, 1732. A 276 Wife: Susanna, dau. Joanna, wife of Thomas Heald, sons James and Joseph, dau. Susanna. Adm. **Andrew Vance (signed name)**, David McCusition, dated Apr. 19, 1732.

Pg 143/4. John Ewing, London Britain Twp. Weaver. Oct. 17, 1736 - Nove. 19, 1735 A 44. Wife Sarah, sons Thomas and Joshua. App. Brothers William Ewing and David Jenkins, guar. Of 2 sons. Executrix: Wife Sarah. Witness: **Andrew Vance (signed name)** and Matthew Warren. John (X) Jones.

Pg. 178. Will of Philip David, E. Nanmeal Twp. B2- March 1747. June 2, 1732-Mar 23, 1747. To wife Katherine lands, etc. To sister Gwan Llian David, sister Janet David, Servant lad Evan, son of Griffin Griffies. Exrs: wife Katherine and John Griffies and John Rees. Codicil: gives to Evan Griffids all bequests to his, wife she being now deceased, except for 5 pounds to **Thomas son of William Vance** and 2 articles names to Clement Radford. Exr. Nathaniel Jones and John Rees. Wit.: Jeremiah Kyle, John Lewis, John Cai \_\_\_\_.

Pg. 399. David McCluskey, Londonderry Twp. June 21, 1754. Son David, dau Elizabeth and Mary, dau Ester, grandson David. Wit: Wm. Corsby, William Bond.

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Pg. 222 **John Vance**, New London Twp. July 3, 1775-Oct. 2, 1785. Wife Rebecca Vance, otherwise McNutt, **dau Ann, Jane and Rebecca** 5/ each, **son Robert's** 2 sons **John** and **Arthur**, his daug. Ann, 5 pounds. To **son John's** 2 sons **Arthur & John**, to **son George**. (Any connection to the Andrew last found in 1736 in New London Twp, or the William on the 1750 Tax List?)

Pg. 297/8. # 4044 William Brown, E. Nantmeal Twp., yeoman. March 3, 1779 - Oct. 17, 1788. Executor **Thomas Vance**.

Pg. 318. William Huston, U. Chichester Twp. Apr. 16, 1787 - June 20-1789. Wf. Agnes. To. daughter **Elizabeth Vance**.

Pg. 347-348. #4140 James Miller, E. Nantmeal Twp. Nov. 18, 1790 - Dec. 14, 1790. To niece & friends (no wife or children mentioned). To **Jacob Vance** a mare.

Pg. 491 #4640 William James, E. Nantmeal Twp. May 13, 1798 - June 4, 1798. Ex. George Evans, **Jacob Vance**, Caleb & Fitzsimmons, witnesses

#5681/2 **Thomas Vance**, W. Nantmeal Twp., Dec. 2, 1810. **Ann Vance**, widow renounced claim to administer to **Jacob Vance**, brother of deceased.

Pg. 268. 11-490 Henry Hethery E. Nantmeal Twp. Dec. 12, 1812 - Dec. 22, 1812. Granddaughter, **Elizabeth Vance 50 pounds**.

Pg. 335 #6133 **Jacob Vance**, Brandywine Twp. Intestate, Mar 8 1815, **Magdalen Vance**, Admin. He was very prosperous. (A careful study of relationships mentioned in documents show that William was the father of Jacob and Thomas.)

**Orphan's Court:**

|      |                        |                     |
|------|------------------------|---------------------|
| 1812 | <b>Thomas Vance</b>    | Docket #12.         |
| 1816 | <b>Jacob Vance</b> ,   | Docket #13, pg. 122 |
| 1865 | <b>Magdalene Vance</b> | -                   |

**Deeds: Grantor:**

**Jacob Vance ux** to William Williams 1812 G3 271  
**Jacob Vance ux** to John Dowlin 1811 X6 488

**Deeds: Grantee:**

**Jacob Vance** to Ewan Jones ux 1806 A 3 130  
**Jacob Vance** to James Lockhart al attys 1811 E 3 33  
**Stephen Vance** to Edwin Clark 1883 O-9 26  
**Sarah Vance to Jacob Vance ux al** 1892 A 11 50  
**William Vance** to Wm. Trimble al Assigns 1836, 18367  
**William Vance** to David Stiteler ux 1842  
**Washington Vance** to Pusey J. Nichols, Sheriff 1866 E 7 28  
**William Vance** to Jesse Rogers al Assigns 1879

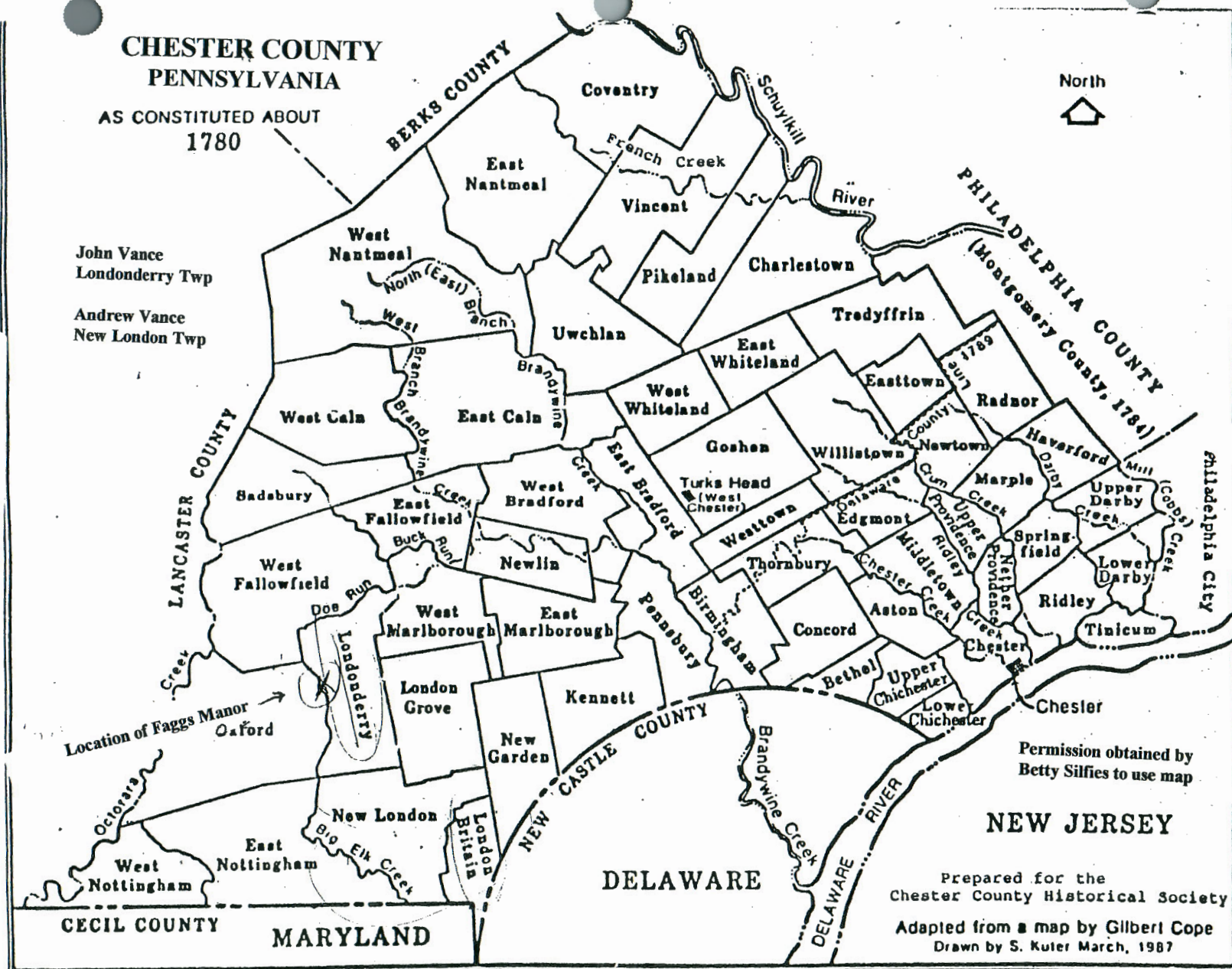
*Careful study and analysis may help us ascertain relationships of these families. - Kathleen*



AS CONSTITUTED ABOUT  
1780

**Andrew Vance**  
**New London Twp**

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**Revolutionary War Service of David, John, and Samuel Vance**  
by Maurice M. Vance, 4434 Meandering Way 309CG, Tallahassee, FL 32308-5859

*Question: Were these three men all sons of Samuel and Agnes Penquite Vance, and brothers of Thomas Vance?*

Peden, Henry C. Jr. [Secretary, Maryland Society of SAR, 1982-84]  
Revolutionary Patriots of Harford County, Maryland, 1775-1783.  
1985. Typescript, photocopied. In SAR Library, Louisville.

p. 226 Vance, David. Private, Capt. Bradford's Co. No. 13,  
Sept. 30, 1775. (Ref: E 119)  
Signer, Assn. of Freeman, 1775, Gunpowder Neck (I 327)  
Signer, Oath of Allegiance to Maryland, 1778.  
(A 37, B 10, J 233)

p. 227 ....., John. Private, Capt. Bradford's Co. No. 13,  
Sept. 30, 1775. (E 119)  
Signer, Assn. of Freeman, 1776, Bush River Upper.  
(I 328)  
Signer, Oath of Allegiance to Maryland, 1778.  
(A 37, B 29, J 246)

p. 227 ....., Samuel. Private, Capt. Bradford's Co. No. 13,  
Sept. 30, 1775. (E 119)  
Signer, Assn. of Freeman, 1775, Gunpowder Neck.  
(I 327)  
Signer, Oath of Allegiance to Maryland, 1778.  
(A 37, B 10, J233)

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Excerpts from  
*WAR OF 1812 BOUNTY LANDS IN ILLINOIS*  
Indexed by Lowell M. Volkel

| Date        | No.   | Patentee     | Rank    | Regiment or Corps.                   | Location       | Delivered To            |
|-------------|-------|--------------|---------|--------------------------------------|----------------|-------------------------|
| 6 Oct 1817  | 9557  | Thomas Vance | Private | Marshall's 14 <sup>th</sup> infantry | NE.25, 3n, 82  | Thomas Vance            |
| 10 Jan 1818 | 14075 | Barrel Vance | Private | Stewart's 31 <sup>st</sup> infantry  | NW 28, 14n, 8e | Hon. Mr. Craft          |
| 15 Jun 1818 | 17382 | John Vance   | Matross | Ross's 40 <sup>th</sup> infantry     | SW 36, 2n, 7w  | Samuel Dans, Boston, MA |

Excerpts from  
*THE BLACK HAWK WAR 1831-1832*  
*Vol I, Illinois Volunteers*  
Compiled by Ellen M. Whitney

| Name             | Rank                     | Company                                                                                   | Enrolled on     | Place (IL)   | Remarks                                     |
|------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|--------------|---------------------------------------------|
| Abraham Vance    | 1 <sup>st</sup> Lieut.   | Capt. John Henry, 1 <sup>st</sup> Regt. Mounted Volunteers                                | 13 Jun 1831     | Jacksonville | Elected 1 <sup>st</sup> Lieut June 18, 1831 |
| Peter C. Vance   | Captain                  | Capt. Peter C. Vance, 1 <sup>st</sup> Regt. Mounted Volunteers                            | 17 Jun 1831     | Rushville    |                                             |
| John C. Vance    | Private                  | Capt. Adam Smith, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Regt. Mounted Volunteers                                | 4 Jun 1831      | Springfield  |                                             |
| James Vance      | Private                  | Capt. William Edmonston, Mounted Volunteer Rangers                                        | 20 Jun 1831     | McCombe      |                                             |
| William B. Vance | Private                  | Capt. Jonathan Mayo, 1 <sup>st</sup> Regt, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Brigade Ill Mounted Volunteers | bef 19 Jun 1832 | Edgar Co.    |                                             |
| Joseph Vance     | Private                  | "                                                                                         | "               | "            |                                             |
| John Vance       | 4 <sup>th</sup> Sergeant | Capt. James White, odd Battalion Mounted Rangers                                          | 30 Apr 1830     |              |                                             |
| Samuel Vance     | Private                  | "                                                                                         | "               |              |                                             |
| John W. Vance    | Commissary               | Field & Staff Officers, Mounted Volunteers Illinois Militia                               | 10 May 1832     |              | Service terminated 23 Jun 1832              |
| Samuel Vance     | Private                  | Capt. James W. Stephenson, Mounted Riflemen                                               | 19 May 1832     |              | 19 Jun 1832 quit                            |
| William Vance    | Private                  | "                                                                                         | "               |              | "                                           |

- Submitted by Susan Henderson



## Kathleen's Korner

From Cissy Vance of Whithorn, Scotland came a nice note of appreciation for the VFA donation to help restore/preserve the Vaus/Vans burial vault at Kirkinner. A beautiful photo of her 'grand weans' was enclosed. She is still enjoys a 'nice way of life with all my grandweans.' Now she is to have twin great grandweans, so her cup runneth over. She included a lovely poem that she wrote about 'old age'. She uses the Scottish spelling, thus preserving this bit of heritage. Typed exactly as written. She has certainly been a ray of sunshine to all of us who have had the privilege of knowing her. - Kathleen

I feel as young  
As when I ran  
And climbed up a the trees  
An cycled down the  
Cairnhous Road  
An fell & skinned my knees  
I'm getting auld  
Well stricken in years  
It says sae  
In the guid Book  
But I will keep on  
Laughing  
At ony bit o'fun  
An being right cherry  
Until my run is run.



**Errata:** Very important change! NL July 1996, pg. 80, Abstract of will of Joseph Vance of Sevier Co. TN, not probated. The last name on the chart is Moser, *not* Moses. We hope to have an update on this will soon.

### **Obituary:**

William Ernest Vance of Grenada, MS died January 13, 1998. He was a charter member of the Vance Family Association, and an avid researcher. Several articles have been written using his research. He was survived by 8 brothers and sisters, including VFA Member Hilton R. Vance.

John C. Vance of Orange, VA died February 13, 1998 at his home. He also was a charter member of VFA. His wife Jean predeceased him. He was survived by his only daughter, Elizabeth Vance McDowell, granddaughter Kelly Shea McDowell, and brother, Cyrus Vance.



# Miscellaneous

Member Clefaine King generously donated a copy of her new book to the Vance Family Association.

**Robert Vance**  
**(1784 – 1855)**  
His Life  
His Children

Twentieth Century Contributions of  
His Descendants

Robert Vance (#7899) married Mary 'Polly' Carver about 1807 in Burk County, North Carolina. He served in the war of 1812. His children, all born in Carter County, Tennessee were John, William, David, Abner, Daniel, Jennie, Elizabeth, Delila and Andrew.

The book focuses on the descendants of Abner. It is hard bound with an attractive cover. There will be only one printing.

I will forward the VFA copy to the historians for review and then it will be placed in the Vance archive at Handley. Thanks, Clefaine.

To place an order send \$36.00, shipping included, to:  
Clefaine King  
701 West Silver Creek Road  
Gilbert, Arizona 85233

***There are Vance T Shirts of each size,  
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Louisville, KY 40222***



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**NEW AND REVISED VFA PEDIGREES**

(Caution - some names truncated)

**BROWN, Virginia (Love)**

**POB 8**

**Piedmont MO 63957**

|                         |                  |                  |                  |                         |                  |                  |
|-------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|-------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| 5146 - BROWN, Dennis W  | B-               | D-               | M- 2 Jul 1953 CO | 8511 - LOVE, Virginia G | B- 9 Jan 1937 OK | D-               |
| 5145 - LOVE, Woodrow    | B-18 Apr 1914 OK | D-29 Sep 1990 CA | M-23 Mar 1935 OK | 3203 - DODSON, Lavina G | B- 8 Nov 1918 OK | D-13 Feb 1991 C  |
| 3202 - DODSON, James C  | B-27 Jan 1892 AR | D-15 Apr 1961 OK | M-10 Apr 1915 OK | 8888 - CAGLE, Elsie D   | B-11 May 1898 TX | D-11 Sep 1972 OK |
| 8540 - DODSON, George B | B-15 Nov 1863 AR | D-26 Jan 1944 OK | M-20 Feb 1889 AR | 8887 - VANCE, Cynthia C | B-27 Mar 1859 AR | D- 9 Oct 1956 TX |
| 448 - VANCE, Martin V   | B- 5 Nov 1833 AR | D- 6 Jan 1899 AR | M- 8 Jan 1855 AR | 449 - BELL, Jane E      | B- 1834 TN       | D- 1863 AR       |
| 450 - VANCE, John       | B- 1801 TN       | D-               |                  | 451 - HOLMES, Mary      | B- 1811 TN       | D-               |

**BRUCE, Sandra S**

**9157 Jamaica Beach**

**Galveston TX 77554**

|                         |                   |                  |                  |                         |                   |                  |
|-------------------------|-------------------|------------------|------------------|-------------------------|-------------------|------------------|
| 11763- BRUCE, Robert M  | B-18 Dec 1913 TN  | D- 7 Sep 1947 IA | M- May 1938 KY   | 11762- BRUCE, Sandra S  | B-                | D-               |
| 11765- RIPPER, William  | B- 6 Nov 1887 KS  | D- 3 Mar 1952 KS | M-30 Jul 1913 KS | 11764- RIPPER, Dorothy  | B-                | D-               |
| 11767- MORRISON, Willia | B-22 Mar 1854 Ire | D-12 Mar 1938 KS | M- 6 May 1885 NE | 11766- MORRISON, Mary   | B-22 Dec 1887 NE  | D-25 Aug 1978 KS |
| 11769- VANCE, Matthew   | B-                | D-Abt 1905 OR    |                  | 11768- VANCE, Rebecca   | B- 1 Oct 1859 Can | D-19 Sep 1924 KS |
|                         |                   |                  |                  | 11770- ELLIOTT, Margare | B-Abt 1824 Can    | D-Abt 1902 OR    |

**LOWE, Philip N**

**Route 2, Box 386**

**Kingsland TX 78639**

|                        |                  |                  |                  |                         |                  |                  |
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| 11521- LOWE, Philip N  | B- 7 Nov 1923 TX | D-               | M-26 Sep 1942 TX | 11522- CHILDS, Audrey L | B-               | D-               |
| 11519- LOWE, Sammie B  | B-23 Nov 1887 TX | D- 2 Aug 1965 TX | M- 9 Sep 1907 TX | 11520- WOMACK, Pauline  | B-15 Aug 1888 TX | D-25 Jul 1979 TX |
| 11518- LOWE, Henry B   | B-15 Jul 1853 TN | D- 4 May 1918 TX | M-30 May 1876 TN | 11517- MOSER, Florence  | B-27 Aug 1858 TN | D-22 May 1942 TX |
| 11515- MOSER, Philip T | B- 1836 TN       | D- TX            | M-Abt 1857 TN    | 11516- TALLY, Nancy A   | B- 1838 TN       | D-               |
| 11513- MOSER, Samuel C | B-25 Apr 1808 TN | D-12 Apr 1857 TN | M- 7 Sep 1830 TN | 11514- RUSSELL, Margare | B- 7 Nov 1805    | D-26 Sep 1848 TN |
| 11511- MOSER, Phillip  | B-17 May 1774    | D-10 Apr 1830 TN | M- 4 Apr 1796 VA | 11512- VANCE, Sarah     | B- 4 Apr 1796 VA | D- Jul 1849 TN   |

**MCCAWLEY, Hal**

**130 Beach Park**

**Foster City CA 94404**

|                         |                  |                  |                  |                         |                  |                  |
|-------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|-------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| 11760- MCCAWLEY, Harold | B-23 Aug 1930 OK | D-               | M-24 May 1972 CA | 11761- COOPER, Harriet  | B-               | D-               |
| 11758- MCCAWLEY, Floyd  | B-27 Sep 1886 AR | D- 2 Oct 1970 OK | M-23 Apr 1911 OK | 11759- YOUNG, Leona     | B- 2 Feb 1894 OK | D- 1 Dec 1978 OK |
| 11756- MCCAWLEY, Willia | B-12 Jan 1861 IN | D-23 Apr 1949 OK | M- 2 Aug 1884 AR | 11757- TUCKER, Sara E   | B-18 Sep 1866 AR | D-29 Jan 1954 OK |
| 11754- MCCAWLEY, Thoma  | B- Feb 1837 IN   | D-27 Aug 1917 OK | M-30 Mar 1860 IN | 11755- ROBERTS, Mary L  | B-17 Feb 1841 IN | D- 2 May 1919 MO |
| 11752- MCCAWLEY, James  | B-27 Jun 1813 KY | D-Bef 23 Sep IN  | M-14 Feb 1834 IN | 11753- PICKARD, Urina   | B- 1812 GA       | D-Bef 23 Sep     |
| 11509- MCCAWLEY, Thoma  | B- 1781 VA       | D- 2 Aug 1851 IN | M-28 Apr 1813 KY | 11510- BAKER, Saukey    | B-Bef 1793 VA    | D- 3 Nov 1844 IN |
| 11508- MCCAWLEY, Daniel | B- 1743 Ire      | D- 4 Jul 1829 VA | M-Abt 1772 VA    | 11507- MARQUIS, Elizabe | B- 1754 VA       | D-29 Jul 1829 VA |
| 11506- MARQUIS, Thomas  | B- 1710 Ire      | D- 1764 VA       | M- 1743          | 11505- COLVILLE, Mary   | B-Bef 1713       | D-Bef 2 Mar VA   |
| 7178 - COLVILLE, James  | B- 1695 Ire      | D- 1777 VA       | M- 1720 VA       | 7179 - VANCE, Ann       | B- 1700 Ire      | D-               |

**RICHARDSON, Susan**

**419 Merlot Drive**

**Cloverdale CA 95425**

|                         |                  |                  |                  |                         |                  |                  |
|-------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|-------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| 11293- NAVARRO, Robert  | B-               | D-               | M- 9 May 1992 CA | 11292- RICHARDSON, Susa | B-22 Sep 1943 WI | D-               |
| 11291- RICHARDSON, Clai | B-23 May 1921 WI | D-               | M-24 Apr 1943 IN | 11290- BIDLE, Helen L   | B- 6 May 1920 IL | D-               |
| 11288- BIDLE, John H    | B-25 Mar 1893 IL | D-23 Jul 1893    | M-17 Jul 1918 TX | 11289- CLAFLIN, Marguer | B-               | D-               |
| 11287- BIDLE, David     | B-               | D-               | M-16 Nov 1890 IL | 11286- MONFORT, Anna E  | B- IL            | D-               |
| 11285- MONFORT, John N  | B-               | D-               |                  | 11284- BOVELL, Nancy C  | B-               | D-               |
| 11282- BOVELL, James G  | B- 1 Jun 1825 TN | D-24 Feb 1911 IL | M- 2 May 1846 IL | 11283- DRYDEN, Eliza    | B-               | D-               |
| 10375- BOVELL, John V   | B- 6 Jun 1799 VA | D-18 Nov 1829 IL | M-19 Oct 1817    | 10379- GRAY, Christiana | B-               | D-               |
| 3947 - BOVELL, Steven R | B- 1770 PA       | D- Dec 1840 IL   | M- 8 Mar 1798 VA | 3942 - VANCE, Esther    | B-21 Jan 1776 VA | D-Bef 7 Oct VA   |
| 1090 - VANCE, John Lt   | B-12 Feb 1736 VA | D-20 Aug 1823 VA | M-15 Nov 1759 VA | 1088 - BLACK, Jane      | B-12 Feb 1741 VA | D- 2 Feb 1824 VA |
| 2355 - VANCE, James     | B-               | D- 2 Mar 1762 VA |                  |                         |                  |                  |

**SHELTS, Sherry**

**3749 Chapel Road**

**Spring Arbor MI 49283 9732**

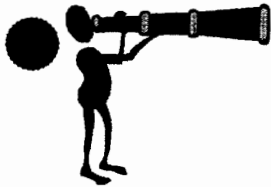
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| 11468- SHELTS, Leonard | B-23 Sep 1906 IL | D- 6 Sep 1985 IL | M-10 Sep 1910    | 11469- VANCE, Nettie M  | B- 1 Jun 1910 IL | D- May 1997 IL   |
| 11470- VANCE, Virgil   | B- 5 Oct 1879 IL | D-26 Apr 1959 IL | M- 5 Sep 1900    | 11471- CLEEK, Viola     | B-14 Nov 1881 IL | D-13 Oct 1975 IL |
| 11472- VANCE, James M  | B-30 Jan 1851 IL | D-10 May 1937 IL | M- 9 Dec 1873    | 11473- MCMILLEN, Alzina | B- 3 May 1856 IL | D-29 Aug 1982 IL |
| 11474- VANCE, Benjamin | B- 1827          | D- 2 Apr 1869 IL | M- 2 Jan 1850 IL | 11475- TANKSLEY, Cather | B-11 Dec 1826 TN | D- 2 Feb 1911 IL |

**VANCE, Brady Lee**

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# QUERIES

We need a typed copy of the original will of **Charles Vance** probated 1773, York Co. PA. Abstracts often have errors.

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Rockbridge County, VA, was the birthplace of my great grandmother **Eliza Colwell** whose mother was a **Vance**. **Eliza Colwell** was born in 1814, lived in Morgan Twp, Gallia Co., OH, where she married **Abraham Coy** in 1831. A possible brother, **John I Colwell**, born in Rockbridge, VA, according to his death certificate, also lived in Morgan Twp, Gallia Co., OH. Possible parents are **Jacob Colwell** b. 1791 and **Christena Vance** b. 1796, both born in VA, who lived in Morgan Twp, Gallia, OH. However, in the 1855 Will of **Jacob Colwell**, **Eliza's** name was not listed among eight adult children as his heirs. I would appreciate your help in positively identifying **Eliza's** mother and father.

**Marcia Melrose, 3520 27th Pl. W. #423, Seattle, WA 98199-2156**

**Benjamin Franklin Vance** was born in Tennessee in 1827. We have been told, this family was in PA., before they went to the TN area. **Benjamin** married in Carthage (Hancock) IL on 02 Jan 1850, **Catherine M Tanksley**. **Catherine**, was born in Jackson Co, TN, in 1826. **Benjamin** and **Catherine Vance** lived on a farm, just over the Hancock Co line, in Huntsville (Schuyler) IL. Living around them, were many families from the White, Jackson, Smith, etc area of TN. Their children were named: **James "Marion," Elijah, Franklin, Naomi, Sarena, Emma, Nancy, and Ialona**. The best guess I have at this point, is that our **Benjamin Franklin Vance** might descend from **Samuel and Agnes (Penquite) Vance** who were living in Bucks Co, PA in 1764. Need information on them, and their children, so that I can try to trace them. Especially a son **Thomas VANCE**, who was living in Smith Co, TN., before 1800.

**Sherry Morell Shelts 3749 Chapel Rd Spring Arbor, Mich. 49283-9732**

**Thomas Bennett**, B. 14 Jun 1749, Bath, Virginia (Now Hampshire Co., W. VA. ), Son Of **William Bennett & Hannah Vance**; D. 20 Jan 1821, IN.; Bur: Bennett Cemetery, West Of New Lebanon, Sullivan Co., IN.; M. 2nd 25 Nov 1783?, Hampshire Co., VA., (W. VA.) **Susannah "Ann" Marquis, Hugh Vance**, Minister, B. 24 Aug 1763, Bath, Virginia (Now Hampshire Co., W. VA.), Dau Of **Richard Marquis(s) & Ann**; D. 21 Dec 1831, IN.; Bur: Bennett Cemetery, West Of New Lebanon, Sullivan Co., IN. (1784 Tax List Used For 1790 Census, Hampshire Co., VA., (W. VA.) **Thomas Benit** Widower With Two Sons, **William** Born 1771 - **Thomas** Born 1774. **Thomas & Susannah (Marquis(s) Benit** First Child **George** Born 03 Mar 1785?) (**Hannah Vance's** Mother Maiden Name Was **Wingrove**.)

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Seeking parents of **Anna Allen Vance** (b. 1801 OH d. 1860 IN) who married **Cornelius Humble** ca. 1820 in either Hamilton, Licking or Sandusky City, OH. Can she be the daughter of **John Vance** who married **Martha Wallace** in 1791 in Cincinnati? **Anna** and **Cornelius** named a son **John Wallace Vance Humble** (my ggGrandfather).

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## Queries (Continued)

I would like to correspond with descendants of **Martin Van Buren Vance**, born Nov. 25, 1835 in TN. His first wife was **Jane Ellen Bell**, born Apr. 29, 1835, in Benton Co, TN. Their children were: **William Henry**, **James Calvin**, **Cynthia Caroline**, **Jesse Columbus**, and **Mary Matilda**. His second wife was **Elmira Ellen Woodward Gillian**. Their children were: **Andrew**, **Julia**, **Hiram**, **Marinda**, **Edward**, and **Laura**. **Martin** lived in several ARK. counties: Washington, Newton, and Johnson. He died on Jan. 6, 1899 and is buried in Newton County. After his death, his wife and children moved to TX.  
**Virginia Brown, POB 8, Piedmont, MO., 63957**

Looking for **Absolom Vance** b)abt 1831/2 census has birth place as N.C. Married **Nancy Reynolds** b)abt 1830 census has birth place as TN. Children: **William H** b)1853, **James A** or **John A** b)1855, **Mary S** b)1856, **Martha** b)1858, **Alice Jane** b)1859 (my g-grandmother) **Edith Ann** b)1861, **Elizabeth Ann** b)1867, **Charles** b)1870, **Thomas** b)1872, **Joseph** b)1874. All born in Christian Co, KY. Later moved around Jackson Co, IL or Cobden, IL Union Co. Looking for help on this line.  
**Martee Meehan 706 E Stockton St. Beverly Hills, FL., 34465**

Researching my new Frederick Co., VA families of **Daniel McCauley** (1743-1829) who m abt 1772 **Elizabeth Marquis** (1745-1829). Elizabeth was the daughter of **Thomas Marquis** (1710-1764) and **Mary Colville** (1713-1760). I need some supporting documentation for this information.  
**Hal McCawley, 130 Beach Park, Foster City, CA 14404. [Hmccawle@ix.netcom.com](mailto:Hmccawle@ix.netcom.com)**

In the Vance line we find **Hugh Lawson** as a given names several times.. Are these lines related? How? **Hugh Lawson Davidson** #9396, was the spouse of **Jean Vance** #9390 (daughter of **David** #88 and **Priscilla Brank** Vance #989) named a son **Hugh Lawson Davidson** (after his father). **Hugh Vance** #482 and **Jane Blair Vance** #483 had a son named **Hugh Lawson White Vance** #2288. Also, **John Montgomery Carrick** #6905 and **Elizabeth Vance** #6904 (Elizabeth's father **Samuel Vance** is he the one in Greene Co. TN who served in the Rev. War?) had a son **Hugh Lawson Carrick** #6919, b. 1810 TN, died 1885, White Co. TN. Another son was **Seth Lawson Carrick** #6918, and another son was named **Samuel Vance Carrick** #6916 ) Was there a blood connection of these families for all of them to use this name **Hugh Lawson**?  
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The 1790 census of German Twp. Fayette Co. PA shows a **Patrick Vance** with 2 males under 16, 1 over 16, and 3 females. This twp. Is located adjacent to Greene Co. PA, about midway. Does someone have information on him, and could he have been the one who show up in Fayette Co. KY? See article Jan. 1998 pg. 25/6.  
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Greene Co TN Mins. of Crt of Common Pleas 1783-1795 p 51, Under date of Wednesday May 6th 1789 Court met. (typed as written) **Eliz Berry** widow and relict of **Hugh Berry** decd hath leave to administer on the estate of said **Berry** decd took the oath of an Adm & also enters into bond herself with **Joseph Vaunce & Wm Davidson** her securities in the sum of three hundred pounds for her due Admr according to law. Ordered that letters of Adm. & Issue on said estate to **Eliz Berry** aforesaid. Who was this **Joseph Vaunce/Vance** and what was his connection to **Hugh Berry**?  
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## Queries (Continued)

Need identification of **Sarah Vance** b. 10 Dec 1776 in VA., d. July 1849 in Jefferson Co. TN., buried Moser Cem., Hamblen Co. TN. married **Phillip Moser** married 4 April 1798 in Virginia, died 10 April 1830 in Jefferson Co. TN.. Children: 1. **Joseph Vance Moser**, b. 1798 VA, married **Sarah Biddle**. 2. **Elizabeth Moser** m. **Adam Dunwoody** of Greene Co. TN., 3. **Samuel C. Moser** married **Margaret Russell** of Greene Co. TN., 4. **John Wilson Moser** m. **Ann Dunwoody** of Greene Co. TN., 5. **Augustine Fore Moser** married **Carolyn Harrison** of Jefferson Co., TN, 6. **Sarah Marquis Moser** married **Thomas Biddle** of Jefferson Co. TN, 7. **Catherine Kelly Moser** married **William Calvin Moser** of Jefferson Co., TN, and 8. **Priscilla Richards Moser** married **William Eckel** of Jefferson Co. TN.

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Does anyone have any clue/evidence of the name of the wife of **Joseph Vance** #3992 who moved to and died in Sevier To. TN?

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I am looking for any information you may have on a **Mrs. F.B. Vance** of Royse, Texas. She wrote a letter to the National Archives about my ancestor **William Shaw**, a Revolutionary Soldier asking for information about his life. The Archives responded with a letter to her dated Aug. 10, 1939. I am interested in Mrs. Vance for several reasons. She was from the same area that one of **William's** sons settled in the late 1840's, Namely Kaufmann Co., Texas. This son was named **Hugh Shaw** whose second wife was **Martha Jane Graves**. His male children were **William M.** b. 1832, **James K.P.** b. 1834, **Hugh D.** b. 1843, and **Thomas F.** b. 1845. Perhaps a **Vance** married into the family as **Hugh Shaw's** descendants were still there in the 1950's. Another reason I'm interested in **Mrs. Vance** is that all we know about the birth dates of **William Shaw's** family came from a TEXAS DAR source, so perhaps **Mrs. Vance** was a DAR member.

Any help would be greatly appreciated.

**Noble Shaw**, 755 Gettysburg Way, Gilroy, CA., 95020 Nshaw21861@aol.com

I am seeking information on **Sarah Ann Vance's** ancestors. She was born in Strawberry Plains, TN in 1837 and we believe her parents were a **John W. Vance** and a **Rebehak Branson**. **Sarah's** siblings were: **Harriet**, b. 1828, **Orlena** b. 1830, **David** b. 1838, **Lucy Rue** b. 1842, **Catherine** b. 1846 and **Bill Taylor** b. 1850. Any information on this TN family and ancestors would be most welcome.

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Does anyone know the status of former VFA member **Robert G. Cooney** of Nashville, TN.

Please contact the editor.

## Watch Those Bible Records

*It seems some of our resourceful ancestors, when pressed for family bible records for various legal claims took the liberty of creating them.*

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## *A Tribute to Kathleen Corley Mason*

After 15 years of dedication and significant contribution to the VFA, Kathleen has decided to 'take a break.' We have convinced Kathleen to stay on as Historian Emeritus so she will still be available to keep the VFA on the right course. Mary Vance Norfleet will assume the role of Senior Historian beginning next term. Following are thoughts on this event by some of the founders and past-presidents

One of my greatest privileges has been to count Kathleen Mason among my dearest friends. We first met in a telephone conversation the day my VANCE FAMILY book arrived in her mail. She called to compliment me on its contents and we talked for over an hour. We met in person in the Kennedy airport on our way to Alec Vans' 600th commemoration of Vance ownership of Barnbarouch in Scotland.

On that trip Kathleen Neil of the Irish Genealogical Society assigned Kathleen and I to the same room. Had it not been for the demands of an early alarm clock I'm sure we would have talked through the nights on genealogy.

In the Lord Lyons office in Edinburgh we were shown a few of the Vans, De Vallibus, Waus, Vance papers which Alex had rescued from the ruins of Barnbarouch, and were able to hand copy some of the material. Of special interest, also, was a list of available records that Kathleen was able to order on returning home. We were amazed at the Vance history available there when she and I had searched for years in so many places for our immediate family records. Richard Vance and Marilyn Vance Muller were of the same opinion as Kathleen and I that so much information of our family heritage had to be made available to all Vance's back home. Therefore the Newsletters and forthcoming Vance Family Association were begun.

Kathleen's expertise and persistence, as our historian, has gleaned a lot of priceless information from those records along with information on so many of our U.S. families through the years as attested to by our VFA newsletters. To be truthful, I sincerely believe that without Kathleen's love of genealogy, her steadfast strength, and persistence our Vance Family Association would have folded long before now. Her ability to keep all those genealogy bits and pieces together, sorted out, and recorded to fit correctly in the big picture is phenomenal.

We all owe Kathleen a debt of gratitude beyond measure. I'm afraid she'll have nightmares through the years to come of all us Vances marching through the eons of time in every kind of situation imaginable! Good Luck and God Bless. We of the VFA love you, Kathleen.

*Vance Voss Smith*

*VFA Co-founder, Past President and Editor*

I can't think of anyone who has meant more to the VFA over the years than Kathleen Mason. From the very beginning, Kathleen has been our teacher and our mentor- not only about the Vance family history, but also on the methods of sound genealogical research. There are many reasons for VFA's continued success, but the core purpose of any organization like ours is to further the knowledge base of family history through quality research, and then to communicate that knowledge effectively to the membership. Because of the undying commitment and endless hours contributed by Kathleen to the VFA we have achieved our prime objective.

Despite the many talents of our membership, Kathleen's retirement will affect all of us greatly. We will miss her thoroughness to detail, her prolific and informative writings, her instant recall of all sorts of

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historical facts, and most of all her enthusiasm and untiring devotion to the organization. She has made us all better historians whether we are active researchers or arm-chair browsers.

I will always remember the Scotland trip of 1990 where Kathleen and I prepared a video of all of the key sites of Vance historical interest. It never ceased to amaze me how Kathleen, with absolutely no preparation, could extemporaneously narrate a complete description of whatever site the camera happened to be focused on. I wish Kathleen the best of luck on her retirement. We will miss her greatly. She may no longer be our historian, but she will always be our friend.

Thank you Kathleen!

**Bill Huss**

**VFA President, 1991-1995.**

Dear Kathleen,  
As I was looking through 1998 newsletters to put them in their folder, once again I thought "Who would have guessed back in 1984 around a dinner table on our last night in Ireland that our dream of a Vance Family Association would take off and flourish as it did?" Many people have devoted hours of work researching, etc. for VFA but none can match the time and effort that you given to VFA for the past thirteen years. You have been unfailingly cheerful in spite of family demands and your own sometimes uncertain health. Now that you have decided to retire, we all wish you only the very best for you and Herman.

To you Kathleen, our heartfelt thanks for your devotion to VFA. This isn't really goodbye as you will always be part of VFA--just we'll see you in '99.

**Fondest love, Marilyn Muller**

**Co-founder & Past Editor**

As I thought about this recognition of Kathleen, I realized I wouldn't be writing about the VFA Senior Historian, nor the compiler of the newsletter, nor the editor of the database but rather I would be writing about a friend.

This gracious southern lady has nursed me through learning how to produce a newsletter, encouraged me through building the VFA database and patiently contributed to my functions as President.

Kathleen doesn't know how to blame, accuse, or criticize. When I began the role of editor in 1991 I had absolutely no experience and my confidence level was hovering around zero. This warm person made sure she called me after each early issue to tell me what fine work I had done. There were errors in each issue, but Kathleen consistently concentrated on the positive.

Throughout our long and tedious effort in building the genealogy database, Kathleen has remained supportive. This six-month project which is now in it's ninth year would still be on first base if not for her tenacity and optimism.

The VFA won't be the same without Kathleen, but I will always have this friend!

**Bruce Vance**

**President and Editor**





## *President-Editor's Message*

We were indeed fortunate to have three capable Associate Historians in place when our Senior Historian decided to step down. Grace Vance Dotson, Virginia Vance Lovett and Mary Vance Norfleet are exceptional researchers and historians. I have found all three ladies enjoyable to work with. Virginia has an extensive collection of Vance material and is always more than willing to share her knowledge and material. She does claim taking care of all the trees she has planted per my instructions is taking too much of her time. Grace is a dedicated researcher who doesn't leave many stones unturned when it comes to the Vances. Her recent article about the 'True Story of Abner Vance' has caused some ripples among those in that line but close scrutiny of Grace's research supports her position. We all are amazed at the depth of the digging by Mary. She lives in Colorado, far from any genealogical centers, but continues to uncover Vance material. Lately she has concentrated on Tennessee and Kentucky. Several lines have been connected due to her findings. Mary's husband is a whiz around computers, which will be a big asset in her new role. Mary will assume the duties of Senior Historian after the 1999 Columbus meeting. Grace and Virginia have agreed to continue as Associate Historians. All indications are that we are going to be in capable hands.

Another new record. 403 members. Unbelievable. As Kathleen says 'We must be doing something right!' Here is a note from a new member. He found the VFA newsletters in a library.

*"Enclosed is my application for membership.....I found your newsletters to be most informative and containing a great deal of information. I have not seen another family group with such a great publication."*

Comments like these keep us going.

Plans for Columbus are taking shape. Wanda Green and Waid Vance sent the following update.

The next VFA Conference will be held in Columbus, Ohio on June 17-20, 1999. We will be staying at the Doubletree Guest Suites Hotel in downtown Columbus. This will be within easy walking distance of restaurants, shopping and many points of interest.

Featured parts of the program as presently planned will include:

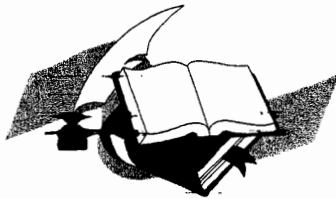
- A guided tour of the recently renovated Ohio Statehouse with an emphasis on Governor Joseph Vance who served from 1836-1838. (He was a Whig from Champaign County).
- A bus tour of selected sites in the Columbus area including Camp Chase Cemetery (dating from the Civil War), where 2260 Confederate Prisoners are buried among them, a David E. Vance who died in 1865; German Village; and the historic Franklinton area, the original central Ohio settlement dating from 1797. This was the home of another Joseph Vance who came to this area from Virginia in 1800. He was the first Franklin County Surveyor, was a captain during the War of 1812 and was the Central Ohio agent for the land speculator, Jonathan Dayton (this Joseph Vance was the subject of an article in the VFA Newsletter of Jan., 1993);
- A visit to the Ohio Historical Society complex which includes a large museum, a genealogical library, and Ohio Village (a re-created Civil War-era town). We'll probably eat a meal at the period Colonel Crawford Inn in the Ohio village.
- A visit to the Franklin Park Conservatory & Botanical Gardens.
- An evening dinner with a speaker versed in local history who can include some of the early Central Ohio Vance connections in his talk.

Be sure to mark your renewal form if you are interested in attending, we need to have an estimate of attendance.

Enuff, Go find an ancestor and plant a tree,

**DON'T FORGET TO RENEW YOUR DUES  
USE THE ENCLOSED FORM**





## United States History

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### THOMAS VANCE - MARYLAND/GEORGIA Compiled by Kathleen Mason

According to the 1850 census, Thomas Vance was born 1815 in Baltimore, Maryland, and was a merchant clerk at that time. The name of his father has not been documented. The 1810 Maryland census index listed a W. Vance and a William Vance from Baltimore. A Thomas and John Vance were listed in the October 2, 1820 Register of Cabinet Makers and Allied Trades. Beside their name is the notation "Cut glass per Brig. Minerva." In 1820 listed in Baltimore census were Adam Vance, Ellen Vance, John Vance, Thomas Vance, Valentine Vance and William Vance.. By 1830 only a William and Thomas Vance was listed in Baltimore. The 1840 census lists a John and William Vance. It is likely that either William or Thomas Vance was his father.

The family tradition is that Thomas Vance went to St. Marys, Georgia to build cotton gins. Marriage records of Camden County, Georgia documents that Thomas Vance married Elizabeth Pratt on 7 May 1849. The 1850 census of Camden County, Georgia lists Thomas Vance, the grandfather of VFA member Florence Vance Owen. He was 35 years of age, a merchant clerk, born in Baltimore, Maryland. Wife Elizabeth was 25 years of age, born in Georgia. Nothing was found in the 1860 census concerning this family. However, one cannot depend on the index to always be accurate.

Thomas A. Vance was a blockade runner in the Civil War. He was lost at sea. on 15 August, 1861. It is of interest to note this Thomas Vance that was killed in the Civil War, has a living granddaughter - VFA member Florence Vance Owen. The 1870 census lists Elizabeth with children Thomas A. Vance 19, Charles M. Vance 16, (father of Florence Owen), John W. 14, Jane E. 12, and Anita aged 10. The 1880 census shows all the children at home except Jane who would be 22, and probably married. The spelling in 1870 was Anita, but in 1880 was Amelia.

Cemetery records in St. Marys in Camden County, Georgia shows Elizabeth Vance, wife of Thomas Vance, died 30 April 1885. Her eldest son Thomas A. Vance died 10 August 1884. Charles M. Vance, father of Florence Owen, died 28 October 1912. His wife Mattie M. Vance had preceded him in death on 9 Feb. 1910.

If someone has further information on this Baltimore family, please contact Florence Vance Owen, 10 Maple Ct. #A, Orange City, FL 32763. References: Official Census Records, 1810, 1820, 1830, 1840, 1850, 1870, 1880. Camden Co. Cemetery Index, compiled by Larry Durgin. Camden County Marriage Records. Maryland Historical Magazine, Vol. XXV pg. 17, Register of Cabinet Makers and Allied Trades.



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**Will of Joseph Vance of Sevier County, Tennessee  
Who are these heirs?**

Prefatory Remarks by Kathleen Mason. The will of Joseph Vance has long been studied for it posed questions as to the relationship of his heirs. Furthermore, what was the relationship of the heirs to each other?. The family legend was he had no children. This oddessy began when Gwynne Daniels found VFA member Margaret Webb's name in a library in Tennessee. Margaret advised Gwynne that her ancestor's name was listed as an heir to Joseph Vance's will. We thought perhaps this connection would be the Rosetta Stone as to the relationship of the other heirs. Mac Elaine Elliott, a cousin of Gwynne's was contacted and the research began on all these families. All of the historians, Grace Dotson, Virginia Lovett, Mary Norfleet joined in the search with Gwynne, Mac Elaine and Margaret. Grace Dotson found a query on the internet by Phillip Noland Lowe, and he was quickly contacted. He, too joined VFA and shared his research. This further involved Mary Norfleet's interest, as she is a descendant of Joseph's brother John Vance. These findings are being printed with the anticipation that someone may have other documentation that will enhance our knowledge of this family.

**WILL OF JOSEPH VANCE  
1822 SEVIER CO TN**

(typed as written and understood)

In the name of God Amen ) I, Joseph Vance

) of Sevier County  
and State of Tennessee Being at this time in bodily Health and of sound mind and memory for which I desire to thank God but Calling to mind the uncertainty of human life and that it is appointed for men<sup>^</sup>once to die } Do make and ordain this my Last will and testament } 1st I Bequeath my soul to God who gave it, and my body to the earth To Be buried after a christian and decent manner Not doubting but I shall receive the same again By the Almighty power of God at the Resurrection of the dead } and as to that portion of the things of this life that it hath pleased God To bless me with I dispose of in the following Manner viz }  
Item 1st I give and bequeath to my wife Sarah Vance the whole of my estate both real and personal first having all the Just Debts \_\_\_\_\_ record \_\_\_\_\_ records that is against my estate at The time of my decease for the term of her Matured (Natural) life or widowhood but if it should so Transpire that she should intermarry then her Right of dower only shall enure to her.

Item 2nd I give and bequeath to Samuel J. ACKLIN at the death or intermarriage of my wife 150 acres of my Land to be held By him in Fee Simple together with one feather bed and furniture and the one half of my distilery if the said distilery at the time Exists the said Lands to include the hous the said Acklin now lives in together with the Spring Knownen By \_\_\_\_\_ The name of \_\_\_\_\_ deep Spring. The said line to Begin at the corner where my land and John Shanks land intersects from thense to the line of John Rheas old place \_\_\_\_\_ to leave the Aforesaid quantity of land Between that line and Edmund Hodges and George Kincannons and Rheas old place.

Item 3rd I give and bequeath to Joseph Travis 247 acres of Land at the death or intermarriage of my wife Sarah Vance including the Hous(e) wherein I now live together with the one half of my distilery the line of said land to commense at the place where Samuel J. Acklin line commences and with the said line to where it srtikes(strikes?) the Line of John Rheas old place and then with my Line towards the pine Ridge so

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as to include the above quantity of land the Line next the ridge Being ruled to intersect with John Shanks land  
The said Joseph Travis to hold the aforesaid tract of Land in fee simple I Likewise bequeath to the said Joseph Travis a feather bed and furniture at the Time above alluded to  
Item 4th The balance of My Land Being 239 acres I will to Be sold after My wives death or intermarriage to be sold and The mony arising therefrom to be divided in The following manner } Viz Joseph Berry One third part, Sarah Mcfarland one third Part and Malinda Ramsey one third part  
Item 5th I Bequeath to Joseph Berry one Feather bed and furniture at my wives Death I likewise bequeath to Malindy Ramey? one feather Bed and furniture at Whatever time She may happen to marry  
Item 6th I Bequeath to Samuel J. Acklin and Joseph Travis two mattocks one to Each of them } I Likewise Bequeath to Samuel Vance my Brother John Vances oldest son my Fire doggs I Likewise bequeath to Joseph Travis My silver Knee Buckles  
I likewise Bequeath to Vance Mcfarland My silver stock buckles and the balance of my estate not otherwise apporpriated after The death or intermarriage of my wife I Allow to be Sold to the highest bidder at The discretion of my exetutors and the mony arising thensefrom to be divided in the following Manner } Viz } forty dollars to Sarah Johnson alias Sarah Mcmeans Forty dollars to Joseph Moser Forty Dollars to Vance Acklin of Samuel J. Acklin Forty Dollars to Joseph Vance son of the aforesaid Samuel Vance and forty dollars to David Ramsey Son of Malinda (Rasey) and Forty Dollars to Vance Mcfarland son of Mitchel Mcfarland } the Balance of The mony if any there Be I allow to be (divided) amongst my different \_\_\_\_\_ an (allowing) To Vance Berry son of Joseph Berry forty Dollars the Ballances if any to Be divid Amongst the whole according to (merit) (and) (ne)cesity at the discretion of my Executors But is is expresly understood and declared that none of the provisions of this will shall Be carried into effect till after the death or Intermarriage of my wife I do likewise Constitute and appoint my wife Sarah Vance and my trusty friend John Sevier of the whole and Sole executrix and executor of this my Last will and testament hereby anuling all former wills Last } in witness whereof I have Hereunto set my hand and seal the 3rd day of February 1822

Joseph Vance { seal }

The within acknowledged and delivered the Within date before us  
John Jones, Alston Jones, David Hicky  
{Now it is expresly declared By this will that it is my Wish that my wife Shall let Samuel J. Acklin and Joseph Travis Live on my Land while She Lives on sutch terms as can agree upon

Joseph Vance { seal }

(\*\*Terms used in Joseph Vance Will)  
MATTOCK- a digging and grubbing implement with features of ax and pick  
Enure (inure)-to accustom to accept something undesirable, habituate-to become of advantage,  
ACCRUE, to make use to, to make familar through use or experience  
ALIAS- otherwise known as-an assumed name  
FIRE DOGG-Andiron, one of a pair of metal stands, usually of iron or brass, for holding logs in a fireplace.  
Regional Variation. See dog iron, firedog

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Plat by D. Morton Rose (used with his permission) submitted by Margaret Vance Webb.  
Sevier Co. TN, Boyd's Creek & Gap Creek District South of French Broad River. Land  
Grants Entries 1806-1807. Joseph Vance land lower left - Mitchell Reed top right.



JOSEPH VANCE WILL 1822  
FACTS OF INTEREST  
by Mac Elaine McFarland Elliott

1. Joseph has been identified as the son of Samuel and Sarah Colville VANCE. The heirs of the will seem to have strong family ties in that all the heirs are named SAMUEL, SARAH, JOSEPH and VANCE, with the exception of Malinda and David Ramsey.

Samuel J. ACKLIN  
Vance ACKLIN  
Joseph TRAVIS  
Joseph BERRY  
Vance BERRY  
Sarah MCFARLAND  
Vance MCFARLAND  
Samuel VANCE  
Joseph VANCE, son of Samuel  
Sarah JOHNSON, alias Sarah MCMEANS  
Joseph MOSER

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2. Those who recieved feather bed and furniture  
Samuel J. ACKLIN, Joseph TRAVIS, Joseph BERRY, Malinda RAMSEY  
\*Sarah MCFARLAND was not named in giving furniture, only that she was to have 1/3 monies from sale of balance of acres.
3. The name of Malinda/Malindy could also be RAINSEY, in lieu of RAMSEY.  
The name appears like  
Rainsey/Ramsey. In giving \$40 to David, the name might appear as  
Rainsey, having a dot above the "i" or it could be just a fragment on  
page. Then it shows David as son of Malinda Rasey/Raisey. Malinda is to  
receive 1/3 share of monies from sale of acres, plus 1 feather bed and  
furniture "at whatever time she may "happen" to marry." Could this imply  
she is a single woman with a child? Divorced? Widowed?
4. The name of Joseph MOSER appears in the will, to receive \$40. In the  
Oct 1997 VFNL, p 134, Margaret Vance Webb has recorded Abstracts of  
Jefferson Co TN. In Article 412 MOSER Account: Phillip MOSER, b. 1774  
married Sarah VANCE on 4 Apr 1796 and had a son JOSEPH VANCE MOSER.
5. The name Sarah JOHNSON, alias MCMEANS appears in the will to receive  
\$40. Something I have run across is that Joseph Vance's sister,  
Elizabeth VANCE married George BLACKBURN. They had but one daughter,  
Sarah BLACKBURN. I have discovered Sarah BLACKBURN married John  
MCMEANS. Could this be the Sarah McMeans that remarried a Johnson?
6. Joseph BERRY is an heir of Joseph Vance will. A Joseph and Hugh  
BERRY are shown as owing to the estate of Mitchell "MCFARLING" in 1835  
Lawrence Co AL. A Joseph BERRY married Hannah MCFARLAND, 7 May 1806  
Frederick Co VA; Hannah being a sister of Mitchell MCFARLAND. Mitchell  
MCFARLAND's son John MCFARLAND goes into Saline Co AR. I find a Joseph  
BERRY b 1808 in TN and Hugh BERRY b 1805 TN, and several other Berry  
names living in the Saline Co AR. Their children shown as born in AL.  
These could be second generation from the Joseph BERRY of Joseph Vance's  
will 1822. Or, even possible, that the Joseph BERRY b 1802, could have  
married by 1820 and had a son called Vance BERRY by 1822.  
Court held 6 May 1789 Greene Co TN, Elizabeth BERRY, relict of Hugh  
BERRY, enters into bond herself with Joseph "VAUNCE" and William  
DAVIDSON, her securities.
7. Samuel Jefferson ACKLIN b 1790 TN married 23 Jan 1816 Blount Co TN  
Rebecca HICKEY. (David HICKEY signs as witness on Joseph VANCE will  
1822). Known children: Joseph Vance ACKLIN  
b 5 Feb 1819 TN, d 30 Dec 1890 Edgar Co IL, married Sarah Simms; Warren  
Montgomery ACKLIN b 18 Apr 1821, d 27 May 1890 IL, married Elizabeth  
Jane CUSICK. If Samuel ACKLIN is one and the same of 1830 Monroe Co  
TN, there is a possibility of two missing daughters/females in his  
household, b 1815-30 and 1820-25
8. Joseph TRAVIS b 1800 TN, has wife Lovenia "Viney" b 1802 TN. Joseph  
is also in Monroe Co TN in 1831, and 1840 census. 1850-70 he is of Rhea  
Co TN and the following are children gathered through census and  
marriage records. Samuel 1830, Nathaniel 1836, Rachael 1837, VANCE 1838,  
Elizabeth 1840, Elvira 1842, Caroline 1845, John H. 1847. Joseph and  
Viney TRAVIS later seem to have perhaps grandchildren living with them  
named: Joseph 1850, Samuel 1854, Thomas 1857, John 1861, James 1863.  
Rhea Co TN connects to Hamilton Co TN where I find "J. V." TRAVIS  
married Josephine KNOX 18 Mar 1860 Hamilton Co TN. In the 1860 census of  
Hamilton I find "Joseph" TRAVIS 23 TN(1837-38), Josephine 20 GA. I have  
reason to believe this is Joseph VANCE TRAVIS, son of Joseph TRAVIS that  
was heir in will of Joseph Vance 1822.

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9. Samuel VANCE named in the will was identified in the will as being the "oldest son of brother John", making him nephew of Joseph Vance, "and to Joseph Vance, son of Samuel" making him a great nephew.

10. Sarah VANCE was identified as Joseph Vance's wife. She was to receive all the real and personal estate of Joseph, unless she died or remarried. If she remarried, she was to receive "only" her dower rights. Then Joseph Vance adds a codicil or amendment to his will, "it is expressly declared by this will that it is my WISH that my wife shall LET Samuel J. ACKLIN and Joseph TRAVIS "live" on my land while she lives, on such terms as can agree on". This could imply that Joseph might have thought that Sarah could possible "make" Samuel ACKLIN and Joseph TRAVIS leave their homes and land since she was heir. This would be a strange "wish" to add to a will, if in deed ACKLIN and TRAVIS married "daughters" of Joseph and Sarah VANCE.

11. It appears that at the death of Sarah VANCE that Samuel ACKLIN and Joseph TRAVIS would receive the greater portion of inheritance.  
Joseph TRAVIS 247 acres, Joseph's house, Bed/Furniture, 1/2 Distillery, and Mattock and Silver Knee Buckles  
Samuel ACKLIN 150 acres, Acklin's/Springs, Bed/Furniture, 1/2 Distillery, and Mattock  
(Joseph had another 239 acres to be sold and monies divided by 1/3)  
Joseph BERRY  
Sarah MCFARLAND  
Malinda (RAMSEY)  
Samuel VANCE(of John) Fire Doggs

(At the death or intermarriage of Sarah Vance, other property, not bequeathed, to be sold to highest bidder and monies therefrom divided as follows: \$40 dollars to each named)  
Vance ACKLIN(of Samuel)  
Vance BERRY(of Joseph)  
Vance MCFARLAND(of Mitchell), and Silver Stock Buckles  
David RAMSEY(of Malinda)  
Joseph VANCE(of Samuel)  
Sarah JOHNSON/MCMEANS  
Joseph MOSER

It would appear that the only "gifts" Joseph VANCE made in this will, without restriction, is to Samuel ACKLIN and Joseph TRAVIS, to each have a mattock (a work tool designed as ax/pick). Joseph TRAVIS to have Silver Knee Buckles, Vance MCFARLAND to have Silver Stock Buckles, and Samuel VANCE, son of John, to have Fire Doggs. Sarah VANCE, his wife, was to receive all of his estate, but, if she remarried, she was to get only her Right of Dower.

**\*\*Dower=Black's Law Dictionary**

(1) The provision which the law makes for a widow out of the lands or tenements of her husband, for her support and the nurture of her children.

(2) Dower is the life estate to which every married woman is entitled on death of her husband, intestate, or, in case she dissents from his will, one-third in value of all lands of which husband was beneficially seized in law or in fact

**Mitchell McFarland/McFarling and wife, Sarah  
by Mac Elaine McFarland Elliott and Gwynne McFarling Daniel**

Mac Elaine is descendant of John McFarland and Gwynne is descendant of Joseph Vance McFarling, both sons of Mitchell and wife Sarah.

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Mitchell McFarland/McFarling (ca 1780-1835) and Sarah (ca 1785- ) were married, probably in Sevier Co, TN, in the early 1800's. The Sevier Co. Court House burned in 1850 and no date of marriage has come to surface. We have discovered that Mitchell was the son of John McFarland and Mary Reed of Shenandoah and Frederick Co VA. (John "McFarlin" ~ Mary Reed 3 Jan 1774 Shenandoah Co. VA). It is possible that as a young man, Mitchell may have followed Joseph and Sarah Vance to TN, where he probably met and courted Sarah.

By 1807, Mitchell was receiving mail at the Knox Co TN Post Office and in 1809, he was listed as a Knox Co. land owner. According to old maps, he had settled on the French Broad River, where Joseph Vance had also settled. Mitchell's sons, John and Joseph Vance were probably born in Knox Co TN.

Mitchell and Sarah were in Limestone Co AL by 1818--"just passing through" as by 1820 Federal Census they were listed in Lawrence Co AL, where the family settled and reared their family of ten children.

Elizabeth "Betsy" married James R. May in 1829

John married Polly Eddy around 1831, and is a subject of this article

Joseph Vance married Lydia Emmaline May in 1830, and is another subject of this article

Sarah married Samuel Geippey in 1831

Mary married William Eddy in 1833

Jane married Joel Griffith in 1836

Armanda married Albert G. Williams in 1836

James W. married (1) Amanda Ann Hubbert 1842 in Saline Co AR and (2) Mary M. Metcalf in 1856 Saline Co AR.

There were two unidentified males in census observations. No one knows the exact order of the births of the children born to Mitchell and Sarah; yet we believe that John was the first son and Joseph Vance was the second son.

Mitchell and Sarah owned 120 acres of land in Lawrence Co AL. The land was the "south half of the Northeast of Section 32 in Township/Range West and the north half of the East half of the South East of Section 32 Township/Range West. (Order Book Orphans Court 1834-1836 Lawrence Co AL, Book 3, page 306) Today this property is near the Speake Community in the north part of Alabama close to Moulton, the County Seat.

Mitchell was Constable for Lawrence Co, and he and Sarah were small-time farmers of the county. Some time in the first half of 1835, Mitchell died. The cause of death is unknown. There was no will and there were many debts to be paid. Sarah had to petition for her Dower Rights. An Inventory was made of all personal belongings, which has shed some light on the life that she and Mitchell must have led. From the list of items listed in the inventory, it appears that they owned a good bit of livestock for that time period, viz. horses, cows, lambs, etc. We believe that they were also Bee Keepers as Sarah purchased from the household inventory implements for raising bees. She also purchased equipment for shearing sheep. Neither the date of death for Sarah is known, nor the place of burial for she and Mitchell has been discovered.

#### **PART 1 - John McFarland**

Not much is known about their son John McFarland. We do know that on the inventory of Mitchell "McFarling" (1835) that John "McFarling"

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bought 1 rifle gun, and sorrel colt and he and Joseph Vance "McFarling" both owed an account to the estate. John married Polly Eddy, daughter of Lloyd Eddy, also of Lawrence Co AL.

In 1840 we think he is the John McFarland of Morgan Co AL, next to Lawrence Co. We have not been successful in finding John or Polly in any 1850 census. According to articles written by one of their sons, Elias A. McFarland, states "He was left an orphan at the age of 6, and he was the 8th of nine children of John and Polly Eddy McFarland, natives of MS." (AL was first MS Territory). Elias claims to have been born in Pine Bluff, Jefferson Co. AR, however, no record of John and Polly McFarland were found there.

What we did find was in Saline Co AR (next to Jefferson Co) 5 Jul 1853 Probate B, pg 226, John McFarland, Dec'd. In a Probate Court, J.W. McFarland (John's younger brother) was appointed Guardian of Mitchell, Joseph, Mary, Walton, Elias and John McFarland, minor heirs of John McFarland, dec'd. (This was our first knowledge of some of Elias' siblings.) In 1855 James W. McFarland, brother of John dec'd, asked the court to dismiss him as guardian and recommended John R. Gamble be appointed. In 1859 John R. Gamble approached the court and advised his ward Mitchell McFarland had died 1 Aug 1859. He also advised the court that his second ward Joseph McFarland had died 1 Mar 1859 and he was willing to maintain the other four minor children without cost of the court. John R. Gamble was discovered as having married Elizabeth Caroline McFarland, daughter of the dec'd John McFarland.

From the above records and Marriage Records of Saline Co AR we have gathered the following family of John and Polly Eddy McFarland.

Matilda (1832AL) married Thomas Allee 1850 Saline Co AR and had: Sarah, Mary, Isaac, John and Buford Allee.

Eliabeth Caroline (1834) married John R. Gamble 1854 Saline Co and had: Mary E., Richard H., and James A. Gamble. No further record after 1860 census of Saline.

Mitchell (1835) died 1 Aug 1859 unmarried?

Joseph (1837) died 1 Mar 1859, aged abt 18 yrs.

Mary (1839) married William J. Scofield 1859 (she was 20yrs old in marriage record) In 1860 they had no children.

Walton (1841?) have found no other record of him, other than he was still living 1860 census.

Elias A. 1843/46 married Louisa Catherine Clegg about 1866, daughter of John Polk Clegg and Martha Shurd Boon of NC to Jefferson Co AR.

Elias and "Cat" had 10 children: Nancy Ann Elizabeth, John Robert Luther, Mary Ida Eugenia, Martha Cornelia Rebecca, James Thomas Benjamin, Sarah Katherine Malissa, Lucy Myrtle Ellen, Dora Millie Amezine, William Henry Elias \*my grandfather (MacElaine Elliott), Eva Ardellia. (looking at names looks like 29 children, and why each had 3 names is not known)

John (Jr) (1848/51) and no further record.

After the 1860 census we lose records of any of the above families, except Elias, who was a spy in the Civil War and later moved with his family to Wilson Valley, Bell Co TX.

#### **PART 2 - Joseph Vance McFarling**

Shortly after his father's death, Joseph Vance McFarling moved his family to Itawamba Co MS. He paid taxes as a land owner in 1836, and is listed in Itawamba County history books as being an early settler. The land Joseph Vance paid taxes on was surveyed but never recorded in a deed book. It is not known if he actually ever owned the land. In any



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event, the 164 acres the family lived on was located in the very "heart" of Fulton (Itawamba Co) MS. Joseph married Lydia Emmaline May and the family was still in Itawamba County for the 1840 Federal Census.

Soon after the 1840 census was made, the family once again relocated. This time they moved just over the county line into Pontotoc Co MS. Joseph Vance McFarling is listed on the 1850 census as being an "Overseer". In August of 1850, Joseph Vance and Lydia, along with nine other persons, formed the Hickory Grove Baptist Church. It was a simple log structure located in the Village of Harrisburg. Today, that Church is called the First Baptist Church of Tupelo, MS, and enjoys the largest membership of any Baptist Church in that part of North Mississippi.

It was in the Village of Harrisburg that Joseph Vance and Lydia lived and reared their 10 children to adulthood. In 1866, Harrisburg and Pontotoc Co experienced county line changes. A new county, Lee, was formed. Joseph Vance and his family now lived in Lee County even though they never physically moved. A Civil War Battle was fought in July 1864 at Harrisburg. The Village was almost totally destroyed.

The children of Joseph Vance McFarling and Lydia are as follows:  
John married Syller A. Hurley in 1854. He and his young family moved to TX upon his return from the War.

Elizabeth married M.G. Raines in 1853. No trail of this couple has been found.

Sarah married Melmouth G. Phillips in 1853. The couple had three children: Hiffeta, Rachel E. and Leah S.M. By 1860 Sarah was back in the household of her parents. It is believed she remarried to a P.L. Miller in 1867.

William\* was killed in battle near Coffeville, MS on 5 Dec 1862. There is a tombstone in the local cemetery. He never married.

James Thomas\* married Adah A. Dabbs in 1868. They had ten children; six to reach adulthood. James Thomas was the son that returned to MS after his service in the War. He made his home in Lee County.

Mary married James Smith in 1852. No other facts are known about Mary.

Nancy married R.D. Riggan in 1867. They were in Lee County in 1870; but by 1880, they had relocated to Arkansas. She and "Rhodoluphus" had several children. Three of them were John L., James N. and Sammie. Nancy was called "Nannie" by this time.

Leona F. - no information has been found on her.

Joseph, the youngest son of Joseph Vance and Lydia, moved to Shelby Co TN. He married Jane Elizabeth Keel in 1872, and they had a large family.

Amanda - no information has surfaced on her.

\* William and James Thomas (J.T.) joined the Confederate Army on the same day in 1861, and fought side-by-side until the day William was killed.

Shortly after the Civil War, the Joseph Vance McFarling family more or less seperated. They all went their seperate ways, and no one has been able to locate any records to determine their whereabouts, except for James Thomas. He had met a young lady, Adah (Ada) Dabbs at a make-shift hospital during the Battle of Harrisburg whom he much admired. After the War, "J.T." returned home to Lee County, MS. He was married to Ada 2 Jan 1868. One of their sons, Albert Hoyle, was my (Gwynne McFarling Daniel) grandfather.

## The Family of Sarah Vance and Philip Moser

by Mary Vance Norfleet

*Preface: Philip N. Lowe, VFA member and a descendant of Philip and Sarah Vance Moser, has provided much of the following research including a 10 page booklet, **History of the Eckel-Moser Families** by Alexander Eckel, 1930, Record-Republican Print, Sevierville, TN. Mr. Eckel apparently compiled his booklet from personal knowledge and a bible record. Additional research disputes some of the information contained in the booklet and will be noted. Just as this article was being readied for print, Margaret Webb sent additional research done by George A. Vitzthum, which has provided additional dates of birth for some of the grandchildren of Sarah Vance and Philip Moser. Variances in dates of birth will be noted in parentheses.*

Sarah Vance was born 10 December 1776 and died 6 July 1849, in Jefferson Co., TN. Eckel states that Sarah Vance Moser was born in Scotland, however the 1850 Jefferson Co., TN mortality schedule indicates that Sarah was born in Pennsylvania, age 72 when she died in July (1849) from "chills". Sarah married Philip Moser on 4 April 1796 (probably in Sullivan Co., TN). Philip was born 17 May 1774, Eckel states he was born in Germany. However, in **History of Tennessee** by Goodspeed Publishing, 1887, a biography of Philip and Sarah's grandson, William A. Moser, states 'Philip Moser was a Virginian, and immigrated to Tennessee in the early days of the history of the state.' Philip died 17 July 1830 in Jefferson Co., TN. No tombstones were located for either Philip or Sarah, both are probably buried in the Moser Cemetery, off Spencer Hale Road and Long Creek Road, Hamblen Co., TN. (The area of Jefferson Co., TN in which they lived became part of the newly formed county of Hamblen in 1870.) Eckel states "Philip was a cabinet maker and there are many pieces of his skillful work in existence among the friends that attest his handiwork." According to Eckel, Philip was a Methodist while Sarah was a Presbyterian who claimed to be a descendant of the Covenanters of Scotland.

Sarah Vance Moser was likely the daughter of John Vance and Sarah Marquis of Frederick Co., VA; PA; and Sullivan Co., TN. (*VFA Newsletter, January, 1995, p. 11-19*) Although no primary records have been found which provide a direct link between Sarah and her parents, the names of her children and other documents provide supporting evidence.

- Sarah Vance Moser was born in Pennsylvania. John and Sarah Marquis Vance lived near John's siblings, Robert Vance and Sarah Vance Vail in Pennsylvania before moving to Sullivan Co., TN by 1783. See John's letter to Robert in which John asks Robert to see if brother-in-law, John Vail, has sold John's land and if not, would Robert sell it. (*VFA Newsletter, Oct, 1987, p. 81.*)
- Philip and Sarah Vance Moser named one of their daughters, Sarah Marquis Moser; named after Sarah's mother.
- Sarah and Philip named their oldest son Joseph Vance Moser. Joseph Moser is named as an heir in the will of Sarah's uncle, Joseph Vance of Sevier Co., TN.
- Sarah and Philip named their second son, John Wilson Moser. Sarah's sister, Elizabeth Vance Blevins of Meigs Co., TN and brother, David Vance of Sullivan Co., TN both named sons John/Jonathon Wilson.
- Sarah's sister, Elizabeth Vance Blevins named a son, Philip M. (?Moser) Blevins.
- Another daughter was named Priscilla Richards Moser. Sarah's brother, Thomas M. married Katherine and Eleanor Richards and sister, Ruthea Vance married Richard Richards.
- Another son was named Samuel Moser, Sarah's grandfather, uncle and brother were named Samuel.
- Samuel Moser witnessed a power of attorney between his cousins, John V. & Catherine E. Richards and their brother E. L. Richards (*orphaned children of Richard and Ruthea Vance Richards*) on August 27, 1850 in Jefferson Co., TN.
- A deed between siblings, Priscilla R. Moser and Samuel Moser, on 23 December 1841 was witnessed by their cousin, J. V. (*John Vance*) Richards. (DB W, p. 527)
- Philip Moser first appears in Tennessee records as a non landowner in the Sullivan Co., TN tax list for the year 1797; the year following his marriage to Sarah Vance.

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6. John V. Moser, born ca 1841; married Nancy J. Witt on 8 April 1862 in Jefferson Co., TN.
  7. Sarah Moser, born ca 1846.
2. Elizabeth "Eliza" Moser was born 27 August 1800 in Tennessee and died 6 July 1876 in Greene Co., TN. Eliza married Adam Dunwoody 26 July 1821 in Jefferson Co., TN. Adam Dunwoody was born about 1795 in TN, his occupation listed as "Fuller" in the 1850 Greene Co., TN Census. Elizabeth Dunwoody was to receive one fourth share of the undivided lands in Philip Moser's will; Adam Dunwoody was to receive items from the old grist mill 'mill stones, irons, hopper hoop, meal chest, hopper boxes and boulding giers at seventy dollars to be deducted out of the money I owe him if he sees proper to take it at that price.' Their children as listed in Eckel and 1850 Greene Co., TN census were:
1. Belle Dunwoody
  2. Martha Dunwoody
  3. David R. Dunwoody, born ca 1827, listed on 1850 census as a Mill Right.
  4. Catherine E. Dunwoody, born ca 1829.
  5. Margaret Jane Dunwoody, born ca 1832.
  6. Samuel M. Dunwoody, born ca 1835.
  7. Priscilla A. Dunwoody, born ca 1839.
  8. William M. Dunwoody, born ca 1842.
3. John Wilson Moser was born 29 November 1805 in Tennessee, and died 27 July 1897 in Hamblin Co., TN according to Eckel. John's tombstone in Moser Cemetery shows date of death as 29 July 1897. Philip's will provides 'my two sons John W. Moser and Augustin F. Moser one hundred acres of land which shall be laid off above any of the interfering claims of Jarnagins surveys, and if my title should prove good that part shall be theirs also (*see land grants*), which hundred acres shall be laid off in such a manner as to include the new mill and all the creek from Jarnagan's up to back water in the new dam so as not to interfere with Samuel's mill seat, one half of the above named land shall belong to John, the other half to Augustine together with the new mill and all the profits arising therefrom, one third part of the mill shall be as compensation to John for his labour done on the mill after he was twenty one years of age, and one third shall be also John's as an heir with the rest and the other third part of the mill shall be Augustin's.....' John W. Moser is listed as a Millwright on the 1850 census. Goodspeed (1887) states: "John W. Moser is a millwright by vocation, though for a number of years he has been farming, and is now one of the oldest and most respected citizens of Hamblen County. He is a member of the Presbyterian Church and is an upright and worthy citizen." John W. married Ann J. Dunwoody on 24 November 1831 in Greene Co., TN. (*Eckel lists date of marriage as 29 Nov 1832*). Ann Dunwoody Moser was born in Greene Co., TN and died 1 May 1838, reportedly during the birth of her youngest child. Ann is also buried in Moser Cemetery. John W. and Ann's children were:
1. William Augustine Moser born 15 December 1833 and died 3 January 1930. W. A. married Jane Adeline Hayworth on 22 November 1865, in Jefferson Co., TN.
  2. Martha Isabel Moser was born 10 July 1835; married William H. Griffin on 4 August 1861 in Jefferson Co., TN.
  3. Samuel Vance Moser was born in 4 October 1837; married Martha D. Davis on 13 November 1867 in Jefferson Co., TN.
  4. Ann I. Moser was born 1 May 1838. (*Not listed in Eckel.*)
- John Wilson Moser's second marriage was to Caroline M. Snoddy on 15 March 1883. Caroline was born 12 August 1828 and died 30 October 1908 and is buried in Church in the Pines, Jefferson Co., TN.
4. Samuel G. Moser was born 25 April 1808 and died 12 April 1857 in Jefferson Co., TN. In Philip's will: 'Samuel Moser willed 100 acres of land adjoining the lands of John W. & Augustine F. Moser so as to include Samuel's mill seat....Samuel shall not build any mill for grinding on his land any kind of grain.' 'Samuel to have the use of my saw mill (*on land left to Joseph V.*) to saw his timber for his fulling mill and dwelling house.' The negro boy Jesse was to become Samuel's property "if he should be afflicted again with his disease or pains, but if Samuel remains in health till that time, then John and Augustin shall have

An early reference for Philip Moser was located in Greene Co., TN Minutes of the Court of Common Pleas: "The jury appointed at the last Court to view a part of the public road in this county leading from Jonesborough to Babbs Mill, where the same passes the plantation at present occupied by Philip Moser, this day make this report....April 18, 1807."

Jefferson Co., TN deed records indicate Philip Moser purchased 200 acres of land lying on both sides of Long Creek from William House for the sum of \$1333 on 20 July 1807. (DB I, p. 14) On 4 February 1813, Philip Moser purchased 100 acres joining his own land, on the south side of Long Creek from Benjamin Harrison for the sum of \$300. (DB K, p. 243) Philip Moser sold one acre of land for the sum of \$10 to George McKinney on 3 April 1820. (DB P, p. 270) George House of Greene Co., TN sold to Philip Moser 150 acres on Long Creek above land owned by Moser on 25 February 1822. (DB Q, p. 164) Philip Moser sold 17 acres of land on the head of Cedar Fork of Bent Creek to Aron Tylar for the sum of \$30. (DB Q, p. 261) Land Grant #16288 from the State of Tennessee to Philip Moser, 10 acres adjoining Moser's land registered 21 January 1833. (DB S, p. 396) Land Grant # 3818 from the State of Tennessee to Philip Moser, 82 acres on Long Creek registered 21 January 1833. (DB S, p. 397)

Philip's will was written 10 April 1830, witnessed by Charles Harrison, Henry Smith and James Carmichael. and was filed September Session, 1830 Jefferson Co., TN. Philip named his sons, Joseph V. Moser and John W. Moser as administrators. (WB 3, p.116-8) From Philip's will it is learned in addition to his land, he also owned a saw mill and two grist mills, one old and a new one that was being built at the time of his death. Philip's will names all of his living children and makes several references to his wife, Sarah, but he never names her. 'I will that there shall be laid off a certain boundrey of my land after my death on which my wife and three daughters shall have maintenance.....' 'It is my will that my wife shall have possession of my dwelling house and the affore named boundrey of land or so much of the profits arising therefrom as will be sufficient for her maintenance during her natural life or so long as she remains a widow.' '...if my wife should again marry with another man she shall be no longer intitled to the land or possession of my dwelling house...' 'And if my wife should again marry she shall then have one horse saddle and bridle, two cows, two feather beds and furniture and one fourth part of the house and kitchen furniture.' 'negro boy Jesse to be left in the care of my wife to assist her during her natural life or as long as she remains a widow'.

Philip and Sarah Vance Moser were the parents of eight known children:

1. Joseph Vance Moser was born 31 December 1798, census records indicate born in Virginia. Joseph's date of death in Eckel's History is listed as 1 December 1857, however, his tombstone in Moser Cemetery, Hamblen Co., TN shows his date of death as 4 February 1858, age 51 years, 1 month, 5 days. In Philip's will, Joseph received 100 acres of land which included the old grist mill and saw mill with the provision that 'Joseph V. Moser or any other person claiming under him by any conveyance he may make from building a grist mill or any mill for grinding grain on the above name premises for and during the time that my new mill shall remain in the hands of my heirs.' Joseph was listed as one of the ruling elders of the St Paul Presbyterian Church in 1832 and was a farmer on the 1850 census. Joseph V. Moser married Sarah Biddle on 28 May 1824. Sarah Biddle Moser was born 9 June 1805 and died 16 September 1860 according to her tombstone in Moser Cemetery. Their children were:
  1. Mary Ann Moser, born 27 (17) November 1826; licensed to marry Thomas F. Robinson on 14 January 1850 in Jefferson Co., TN.
  2. Philip Moser, born ca 1828; married Ruth Beard 16 May 1849, Jefferson Co., TN. Listed in Philip Moser's will to receive '50 acres of land including the house where Joseph V. Moser now lives...land to be leased to some person to clear some then to be rented out and the profits therefrom to be for his schooling and books until he arrives at mature age and if he should die without an heir it shall be the property of his sister Mary Ann Moser.'
  3. James Biddle Moser, born 30 December 1831(1830).
  4. Eliza Jane Moser, born ca 1836; listed on the 1850 census as an 'idiot'.
  5. Elmira Araline Moser. (Listed in St. Paul Presbyterian Church records as being baptized July 1837, not shown on 1840 or 1850 census; not listed in Eckel.)

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equal part with Samuel in Jesse (*Negro boy*).” Samuel Moser was a ruling elder of St. Paul’s Presbyterian Church in 1837; named by the county court to be one of the men to superintend the erection of a new courthouse in 1846; and was a farmer on the 1850 census. Samuel Moser married Margaret Russell on 7 September 1830 in Greene Co., TN. Margaret Russell Moser was born 7 November 1805 and died 26 September 1848. Both are buried in Moser Cemetery. Samuel and Margaret were the parents of eight children:

1. Robert Vance Moser, born 30 November 1832, married Mary M. Robinson on 27 January 1855 in Greene Co., TN.
2. Thomas Snoddy Moser, born 18 May 1834; married Amanda Harrison on 31 October 1867 in Jefferson Co., TN. (*Listed in St. Paul’s Presbyterian Church records but not listed in Eckel.*)
3. Philip Theodore Moser, born 23 October 1835 (1833), died after 1880 in TX; married Nancy Almira Tally about 1857. P. T. Moser was a wagon builder in 1860; in 1870, as a wheelwright; the Hamblin Co., TN Registrar, 1874-76; and in 1880 as a farmer in Limestone Co., TX.
4. Margaret Eliza Moser, born 18 April 1837, died 12 September 1854; buried in Moser Cemetery (*St. Paul Presbyterian Church records list her as being baptized in September 1837, not listed in Eckel.*)
5. Sarah Ann Moser was born 6 April 1839. (*Not listed in Eckel.*)
6. David Russell Moser was born 18 November 1841; married Emma H. Maze on 25 October 1865 in Jefferson Co., TN.
7. Samuel Calvin Moser was born 12 April 1843 and died 30 June 1843; buried in Moser Cemetery.
8. Priscilla Jane Moser was born ca 1847; married William Seadden/Shadden on 30 October 1863 in Jefferson Co., TN.

Samuel Moser married for a second time to Mary R. Long. Mary was born 8 August 1812 and died 20 November 1882, buried in Church in the Pines, Jefferson Co., TN. Samuel and Mary Long Moser were the parents of two children:

1. Elizabeth Parthena Moser, died 27 August 1854, age 1 year, 3 months, 21 days and is buried in Moser Cemetery. (*Not listed in Eckel.*)
  2. William Moser was born 14 May 1855 and died 26 January 1900; married Kathern Ann Chilton. William and Kathern are buried in Church in the Pines Cemetery in Jefferson Co., TN.
5. Augustine “Gus” Fore Moser was born 18 August 1812 in Jefferson Co., TN and died 17 April 1885 in Hamblen Co., TN, buried in Moser Cemetery. Augustine Fore Moser was apparently named after Dr. Augustine P. Fore, an early resident of Jefferson Co., who moved to McMinn Co., TN about 1824. Presently, it is not known what relationship, if any, existed between the Mosers and Dr. Fore. Augustine Moser’s share of his father’s inheritance is listed with his brother, John Wilson Moser. Augustine was a farmer on the 1850 census. At the time of his death, Augustine was a ruling elder of St. Paul’s Presbyterian Church, the following tribute was found in the church minutes: “Whereas it has pleased our Heavenly Father in his all wise and \_\_\_\_\_ provident to remove from our midst by death April 17<sup>th</sup> 1885 our beloved brother A. F. Moser in his 73<sup>rd</sup> year of his age having been a member of St. Paul Church for 39 years we feel that it becomes us to give expression to our Deep regard for one so fine, so noble in character so generous so faithfull and so fraught in the discharge of every Christian duty. Society will miss him as a genial gentleman a good citizen and a zealous supporter of every worthy and benevolent work. His bereaved and grief stricken family will miss him as a devoted Husband and a fond father...” G. (Gus) F. Moser married Malinda Caroline Harrison on 4 April 1839 in Jefferson Co., TN. Malinda was born about 1820 in Tennessee. Augustine and Malinda were the parents of:
1. Charles P. Moser, born ca 1842.
  2. Sarah Elizabeth Moser, born 17 April 1849 and died 19 January 1877; buried in Moser Cemetery. Sarah married D. T. Witt 15 February 1868 in Jefferson Co., TN.
  3. William B. Moser, born ca 1860.
6. Sarah Marquis (*listed in Eckel as Marguis*) Moser was born 18 December 1813 in Jefferson Co., TN and died 6 Jul 1875 (*according to Eckel*) in Hamblen Co., TN. Her tombstone in Moser Cemetery lists her date

of death as 8 April 1875. Sarah married Thomas Biddle on 22 July 1836. Jefferson Co., TN marriage records show Thomas Biddle married Sarah "Boulder" on 22 July 1836, evidently an error in transcription of Sarah's last name. Thomas Biddle was born about 1811 in Tennessee and was listed on the 1850 census as a farmer. Sarah was named in her father's will to receive her fourth share of 'lands not otherwise disposed of in this will.' Thomas and Sarah Moser Biddle sold 57 acres of land inherited from Philip Moser to William Minnis on 26 January 1843. (DB X, p. 350) Sarah and Thomas were the parents of four children:

1. Priscilla Catherine Biddle, born ca 1841; married Bradley Bettis on 23 April 1860 in Jefferson Co., TN.
  2. Columbus A. Biddle, born ca 1843; married Mary Ann Williams on 11 April 1866 in Jefferson Co., TN.
  3. Mary Eliza Biddle, born ca 1849; married 24 July 1872 to James Black in Jefferson Co., TN.
  4. James Edward Biddle, born 1852 (1837).
7. Catherine Kelly Moser was born 27 March 1815 and died 25 July 1857 in Jefferson Co., TN. Catherine also received one quarter share of lands not otherwise disposed of in the will. Catherine married William Calvin Jarnagin on 30 August 1832 in Jefferson Co., TN. (*Eckel lists date as 31 August 1832.*) William C. Jarnagin was born 29 November 1809 and died 26 July 1833 in Jefferson Co., TN; one son was born to Catherine and William C. Jarnagin:
1. William Calvin Jarnagin Jr. was born 25 November 1833; married M. C. Dick on 30 August 1855 in Jefferson Co., TN.
- Catherine's second husband was Jacob C. Smith whom she married on 4 February 1836 in Jefferson Co., TN. Jacob was born about 1802 in Virginia. Their children were:
1. Francis M. Smith, born ca 1839; married Nancy Crow on 29 November 1865 in Jefferson Co., TN.
  2. Edward H. Smith, born ca 1843.
  3. Sarah Emma Smith, born ca 1845.
  4. Jacob C. Smith Jr., born ca 1847.
  5. Catherine K. Smith, born ca 1848; married David Moorehouse, 7 August 1862 in Jefferson Co., TN. (*Not listed in Eckel*)
  6. Keff Smith, born ca 1851.
  7. Hugh Smith, born ca 1853.
8. Priscilla Richards Moser was born 14 November 1819 and died 20 September 1874 in Jefferson Co., TN. Priscilla also received her one fourth share of land from Philip's will. Priscilla sold her interest in land to her brother, Samuel on 23 January 1841. (DB W, p. 527) Priscilla married William Householder Eckel on 25 November 1841. William was born 11 November 1815 and died 2 February 1894. Both are buried in Eckel Cemetery, Jefferson Co., TN. According to Eckel, William H. Eckel apprenticed himself as a young man to Priscilla's brother, John W. Moser, a widely known millwright. After serving his apprenticeship he was presented with a fine set of tools. He continued to work with his master until the health of both failed and they retired to their farms and remained until death. The 1850 census shows that William H. Eckel was a farmer. Priscilla and William were the parents of nine children:
1. Alexander H. Eckel, born 1 October 1842; married Mary Rawlings 15 November 1870.
  2. John Eckel, born 6 October 1844 and died 24 May 1887.
  3. Samuel Eckel, born 14 January 1847 and died 27 March 1867.
  4. William Householder Eckel Jr., born 1 April 1850 and died 8 June 1850.
  5. Julia Eckel, born 1 April 1851 and died 24 June 1921; married John F. Blackburn, 16 November 1870.
  6. Peter Philip Eckel, born 27 February 1854 and died 27 October 1938.
  7. Hugh Eckel, born 10 February 1857; married Emma Rozilah Henry, 8 May 1878.
  8. Sarah Eliza Eckel, born 2 June 1860 and died 5 April 1935; married George Swingle Felknor, 22 October 1884.
  9. Augustine Eckel, born 17 November 1862; married Sarah Henderson Bettis, 16 November 1887.

*Sarah Vance of Pennsylvania, Tennessee and Ohio*  
*wife of John Campbell*  
*daughter of Patrick and Sarah Taylor Vance*  
*by Kathleen Mason*

Research submitted by Catherine Rossiter, 1857 Maxwell Road, Carson City, Nevada 89706-0419.  
*Campbell Kith and Kin* by Grace S. Fassnacht, DAR #502220  
Birth Records from "*Leaf from Concordance of the Holy Scriptures*" of the old Campbell Bible, published 1803 by John Brown.

"Sarah Vance was born January 5, 1772 in Pennsylvania, near Philadelphia," so wrote a Campbell descendant, "but her parents were living in Franklin County, so she was probably born there - indeed, not far from Philadelphia." The family moved from Chambersburg, Pennsylvania to Knox County, Tennessee in the mid 1790's. Sarah married John Campbell, child of Archibald and Elizabeth Baker Campbell on December 18, 1796 in Jefferson County, Tennessee. This marriage record was recorded in Knox County by A. Meek, J. P.

John and Sarah remained in the same locale as their parents in Tennessee where he was engaged in farming until 1817 when they moved to 'the wilds' of Preble County, Ohio. This county adjoins Indiana, and is located between Dayton, Ohio and Richmond, Indiana. They lived about eight miles northwest from the county seat. They had ten children born in Tennessee and the eleventh in Ohio.

John Campbell was allowed a pension, Claim W 1713, based on an application dated September 32, 1832 while living in Jackson Township, Preble County, Ohio. He died March 14, 1847, 'aged 87 years, 3 months, 9 days'. His service records indicates "While residing in Bedford County, Virginia, he volunteered in June 1778, served 3 months as a private in Capt. B. Adams' Co., Col. Lynch's Virginia Regiment, guarding the lead mines in Virginia." He volunteered in February 1781, served as private in Capt. James Dickson's Co., Col. Williams' Virginia Regiment; was at the battle of Wetzell's Mills; shortly afterwards was attached to Col. Lynch's Regiment; was in the battle of Guilford Court House. Length of service 6 weeks. He enlisted in August 1781, served 2 months in Capt. Beard's Co., Col. Trigg's Regiment, marched to Yorktown, and was there until after the surrender of Cornwallis, October 19, 1781. Sarah Campbell, his widow was allowed a pension on her application executed April 11, 1849, when she was seventy-five years of age and still living in Jackson Township, Ohio.

James Vance, a brother of Sarah, in a deposition for the pension for Sarah Vance Campbell, widow of John Campbell, stated in 1850 he was born in 1773, and he went to the Clerk's Office with John Campbell, when he went to obtain the marriage license to marry his sister, Sarah Vance. He further states that they were married at his house, and John Vance, another brother of the widow Sarah Campbell was born in September 1770, and John Vance was also a resident of Jefferson County, Tennessee in 1850. Reference is also made to a sister Elizabeth, who was in Jefferson County Tennessee at the time of the marriage.

The descendants of John and Sarah Vance Campbell: (all born in Tennessee except the last one)

1. Samuel Campbell, b. November 15, 1797, married Elizabeth Frame on September 15, 1823 in Preble County. (Book A, pg. 115). They removed to Indiana, descendants unknown.



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2. Jane Campbell, b. December 19 (or 26<sup>th</sup>), 1798, died November 11, 1867, was married January 14, 1819 in Preble County (Book A, pg. 86) to John Walker, who served in the Revolutionary War. This family lived in Sterling, Indiana. Their children: Melinda Walker Rowland, Sarah Walker Cochran, Franciney Walker, and Franklin Walker, who moved from Indiana to Iowa.
3. Elizabeth Campbell, b. October 28, 1800; m. May 29, 1828 in Preble County (Book A, pg. 168) Harvey D. Snodgrass. Known children: John W. Snodgrass, Andrew Harvey Snodgrass and Sarah Snodgrass.
4. Archibald Campbell, b. February 5, 1803 married October 21, 1824 (Book A, Pg 129) to Indiana Larsh. They had 13 children: Cornelius V. Campbell, Lewis B. Campbell, Eldred R. Campbell (moved to Kansas), Benjamin F. Campbell (moved to Ohio), George Washington Campbell (twin - moved to Indiana), Thomas Jefferson Campbell (twin - moved to Indiana), John Vance Campbell, Minerva J. Campbell, Archibald Monroe Campbell, Infant son, Mary Ann Campbell (moved to Indiana) and Sarah Ohio Campbell.
5. Mary (Polly) Campbell married John McCown in 1824 in Preble County. In 1880 as a widow, she was living with daughter Elizabeth McCown Cail, ancestress of VFA member Catherine Cail Rossier. Other children, James McCown, Sarah An McCown, John C. McCown, Alexander McCown.
6. James Campbell b. August 11, 1807 m. Mary Raper and they moved to Missouri.
7. Andrew Campbell b. May 27, 1810. Children: Leander Campbell, Levy Clinton Campbell. They remained in Preble County.
8. Robert Campbell b. October 7, 1812 married Mary Sheffer and moved to Ohio.
9. William Campbell b. January 22, 1815 married February 5, 1832 Patsy Fisher (Book A pg. 362) He married after the death of Patsy to Keziah Brubaker on January 28, 1882. Children: William Harvey Campbell, Benjamin F. Campbell, Sarah Campbell, Frank Campbell.
10. Alexander P. Campbell (does this 'P' stand for Patrick, her father?) b. June 11, 1817 m. March 3, 1842 to Malinda Fisher. Children: John Benjamin Campbell, Loreta Campbell, Virinda Campbell, Walker W. Campbell, Nancy Campbell.
11. Nancy Campbell, b. June 20, 1820 in Jackson Township, Preble County, Ohio, married Lemuel White.

Sarah Vance Campbell was named in her father Patrick Vance's will dated 24 August 1801, probated in Knox County, Tennessee. Her brothers David, Patrick, William and Robert were to sell a tract of land and pay Sarah Vance Campbell forty dollars. She evidently had received a portion when she married. In a letter dated March 27, 1873, P. A. Vance, a half nephew of Sarah (son of William Houston Vance) stated that "I forgot to say my half aunt Sarah Vance married Jno. Campbell, my mother's uncle. Set their negroes free and went to Ohio." See NL July 1994 pg. 89. Of interest is the fact that William Houston Vance's wife Elizabeth Campbell was named in the will of her father James Campbell dated 18 Feb 1826 in Jefferson County, East Tennessee. Her sons were to receive 1/6 of proceeds of sale of slaves, and three of her daughters to receive a slave.

P. A. Vance knew what part of the country all his aunts and uncles settled in, so the family must have stayed in touch with each other indicating a close bond between the siblings.

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Philadelphia, Friday, March 3rd 1780

Pg. 267/8... That Chief Justice having personally satisfied the Board, that Mr. JOHN VANCE had apprehended with great trouble and expense, one Thomas Burney, a Notorious Counterfeiter of Publick money, (for whom a reward of five hundred dollars by this Board) and horse thief, and brought him to this Goal of this City. Resolved, that the said JOHN VANCE is entitled to the said reward, and an order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of JOHN VANCE, for the sum of five hundred dollars, agreeable to the resolution of this Board of the Second of September.

Pg. 272 Philad'a, Thursday, March 9th, 1780 In Council. Present: His Excellency Joseph Reed, Esquire, President. Hon'ble the Vice President

Mr. Lacy, Mr. Read, Mr. Arndt, Mr. Whitehall and Mr. Hambright  
An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favour of Mr. JOHN VANCE, for the sum of four hundred pounds, for his expenses in securing a certain Thomas Burney, a notorious Counterfeiter of Public Money.

General Index to the COLONIAL RECORDS Pennsylvania Archives, by Samuel Hazard  
Pg. 409 VANCE, JOHN, apprehends a notorious counterfeiter, and receives reward, xii, 268.

NOTES AND QUERIES, HISTORICAL AND GENEALOGICAL, INTERIOR PENN'S VOL I  
Ye Ancient Inhabitants, Pg. 82

The assessment lists of this section of Lancaster County, prior to the formation of Dauphin in 1785 are very few, owing no doubt to the destruction by fire of the court house of Lancaster in 1782. East End of Hanover, 1769, include James Carrothers, John Gilliland, Thos. Hume, John Hume, Walter McFarland, Wm. McCullough, MOSES VANCE, Hugh Watson.

Pg. 97/8 Old Conewago Church (NC)

Rev. Thomas Espy (Foote, p. 363) was born August 1, 1800, in Cumberland county, PA, and died near Beattie's Ford, on the Catawa in 1833. His daughter, now the wife of Gov. ZEB VANCE, often visits in Bethany. She told a friend here when she visits her father's connections in Pennsylvania, she finds the same names in Bethany, and seemed to be at home. So Scotland, Ireland, your region in Pennsylvania, and western North Carolina, are directly connected.

Pg. 231/2 Names of Persons Who Took The Oath of Allegiance To The State of Pennsylvania, in Hanover township, 1777-1779

July 1, 1777, among others, William McCullough, John Armstrong, Henry Laughlin, Thos. McCullough, William Hume. July 20, WILLIAM VANCE July 21, John McFarland, Thomas Rowland. August 4, James Wilson. August 14, James Porter, Joseph Wilson. August 19, Joseph Hutchinson, William Snodgrass. August 22, Joseph Wilson.

Pg. 233 March 1777, Sam'l McCullough, Will'm Wilson, William Wilson.

Pg. 350 Ye Ancient Inhabitants. The year 1756 witnessed a scene of terror on the frontiers of the Province which at this day would be difficult to imagine. A silent witness of these terrible times

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is the original assessment lists of the east and West Ends of the Township for 1756...West End of Hanover Assessment, Provincial Tax 1756...On these herewith presented, those marked with an asterisk (\*) have written before them "fled".

Robert Snodgrass, Jno. Hutchinson, James Park\*, James Wilson, Robert Porterfield\*, William Galbreath, Widow Dearmin\*.

East End of Hanover Assessment for ye Provincial Tax 1756

John Gilliland\*, John McCullough, Walter Macfarling, William McCullough\*, Joseph Wilson, MOSES VANCE\*, Thomas Hume\*.

Pg.353 MacFarlane - In will book A, Dauphin county records, is the following: "We do certify that Edward McFarlan was born and lived in the parish of Loughgully and county of Armagh - that his parents are honest, reputable people, and we do believe the bearer to be a sober, honest young man."We also certify that he has not left this country on acct of any misconduct whatsoever.

Dated this 21st of May 1783. Walter Siddit, high Sheriff of Armagh. John Higers, Pastor.

Pg. 442/5 Ye Ancient Inhabitants-X "Return of ye West Side of Derry-1758

Armstrong, Robert; Chambers, Arthur, exe'r to Estate of James Chambers, dec. Chambers, Widdow, poor widow; Carithers, James, shoemaker; Carithers, Robert; Carithers, Arthur; Carithers, Robert; Black, Hugh; Black, Martin; Parks, Thomas, wagon maker & renter from Widow sample at L14:17 per year; Porterfield, William, poor; VANCE, JOHN; Wilson, John, a tract of waste land; Wilson, Mathew; McConnell, Edward, living on Mr. Stevenson's land; McKee, Widow. Freemen: McCullough, John, weaver; Waugh, John, blacksmith.

Pg. 483 Dauphin County in the revolution> "A muster roll of Capt. Wm Brown's Company of Militia of Colonel Timothy Green's Battalion of Lancaster County-destined for the camp in the Jersey's, August 31 1776: Wilson, James, 2nd Lt; Hutchinson,, John, Sgt; Wilson, James, Sgt; Porter, David, Cpl. Privates: Hutchinson, Joseph; Snodgrass, John; VANCE, DAVID, Watson, David; Wilson, James; Wilson, Joseph,

Pg. 467/496 Philip Vicars Fithian's Journal> Martinsburg, Berkley County VA. May 20 1775

We visited Mr. VANCE, minister of Tuscarora congregation. He gave us liberty to visit and preach in the neighboring vacancies. He lives at the foot of North Mountain, partakes, I believe, of the Virginia Spirit, and hands round the "sociable bowl". We dined ar Captain Mitchell's.

Stevensburg. May 31. Mr. Glass was blessed while he was filling his family, so far as to have eight daughters in continual succession and but three sons. I visited a brother of his a mile off the head of Opickon creek, a solid busy farmer, ...Several visits, among others one Colville. He is clerk for the Society, raises the tune, and in the primitive genuine Presbyterian whine and roll...

Sunday June 4 - Cedar Creek Church, six miles from Stevensburg, northwest. All here are Quakers. Mr. Colville lives within four miles of the North Mountain on the bank od cedar Creek, a small deep brook. The bank of this creek on the othr side of the house is forty feet high.

Monday June 5...Mr Colville gave me yesterday's collection...there was thirty-four pieces of silver in cut money, quarters of dollars, pistareens and half-bits. After dinner I visited old Mrs. SARAH VANCE. She was in her early life acquainted with Mr. Hunter, of Cohansie, and once they were on the borders of being married, before Mr. Hunter went to grammar school. But said the honest woman, he was born to a better fortune. Winchester, Sunday June 18. Over the North mountain I rode to Mr. VANCE'S meeting house at Back Creek. 93 communicants.

Tuesday June 20 1775 - Rose by 3, rode over the Potowmack, the bottom solid rock, high banks of 40 feet...The Presbytery (Donegal) met. Mr. black gave the sermon. Present, Messrs. Cooper Thompson, Hoge, Mc Farquar. Correspondants, McPherin, Craighead, Ray, VANCE.

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Candidates, Black, Keith, Mcconnel, Hunter and myself. Students, Wilson, Linn, waugh, Boy.

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Edited by William Henry Engle, M.D., MA.

Pg. 315/328 OLD DERRY CHURCH of Lancaster County PA. The laying of the corner stone was Thursday, Oct. 2 1884 for the new stone building. By this date, Daulphin county was taken from Lancaster where the new church would then be on the same ground but in a different county. A great many were present from Harrisburg, Lebanon, York, Carlise, Derry and surrounding townships. From Harrisonburg were members of Market Square, Pine Street and Westminster Presbyterian Churches...from Carlisle were present Rev. Dr. Murray and Rev. VANCE. After address about Scotch-Irish coming early to our country to Chester and Lancaster Counties as early as 1726 where James Anderson gave his time in Donegal and Paxtang groups, after the choirs performed and the doxology was sung, services closed with the benediction given by Rev. VANCE of Carlisle.

Pg. 356 Genealogical data: JOHN VANCE, of Paxtang d. July 1734, leaving a wife Mary, and children, among others, Hugh, George and Jean.

MOSES VANCE, of Paxtang, d. April 1786, leaving a wife Anne and children, William, Adam, Jane, m. Edward Ashcraft, Elizabeth and Sarah.

Pg. 362 EXEKIAL VANCE + D is listed in rev. John Roan's congregation of Derry, Paxtang and Mount Joy, 1745-1775.

Pg. 367 Under marriages by squire John davies 1818-1840:

1829, March 26, DAVID VANCE and Isabella Lyle, both of Harrisburg.

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edited by William Egle, M.D, - M.A.

Pg. 172/3 Members of Donegal Presbytery - Elders: Galbraith, Alexander, Octoraro 1734, Galbraith, Andrew, Swatara Nov 15, 1722, Chestnut Level, 1735, Derry, 1736, M. Octoraro, 1737, Pequea, 1737, Derry, 1739. Galbraith, James, Phila., 1736: derry 1743. Galbraith, Robert, Chestnut Level, March 28, 1733, Nottingham, April 1734. Hutchison, James, Derry 1743. Hutchison, James, Derry, 1743. Hutchison, Joseph, Donegal, 1744. Derry, 1745. McCullough, James, Donegal, 1743, 1744, Hanover, 1744. Porter, Robert, Chestnut Level, 1739; Chestnut Level, Oct 1739. Forks of Brandywine, 1741:Pequea, 1741, Philadelphia, 1741. Porter, William, Pequea, 1737. VANCE, CHARLES, Pequea, 1739. Wilson, Alexander. Donegal, 1759. Wilson, Joohn, Nottingham, 1735; Wilson, Moses, Donegal, 1759; Wilson, William, Paxtang, August 1734.

Pg. 331/3 Culbertson's Row. Col. Robert Culbertson, born July 23, 1755. He was one of those owning farms in "Culbertson's Row". His sixth son, William, born Dec 12, 1787, died July 8, 1824. He removed to York County PA, and married in Palmyra, Lebanon County PA 1810 to Julia Stuart. Their second child, William Stuart Culbertson, born Feb 4, 1814, living at New Albany Indiana, was married Feb 19, 1840 to ELIZA VANCE of Congdon IN. She was born Oct 18, 1822, died Jan 3, 1865 and had eight children.

Research of Robert Seeberger

Compiled by Virginia Lovett

## JOSEPH VANCE, GEORGE VANCE LINCOLN COUNTY, Kentucky

The following letter is from Carmen Bussard. She continues to seek the parents of her Joseph Vance who married Nancy Bradley in Washington County, Virginia. If you can assist her by identifying those persons she mentions in her letter, please contact her at 26007 Atherton Avenue, Laguna Hills, CA 92653.

My reason for writing at this time is to share with you some tax records which I found in Kentucky where George Vance apparently settled in Lincoln County on Dicks River. You discussed him in the October 1997 newsletter, pages 129 and 130. Tax records of Lincoln County showed Joseph Vance in only one year, 1795. Lincoln County Deeds turned up nothing on George Vance, but Joseph Vance sold John L. Martin 990 acres on Hanging Fork in 1805. This John Martin had literally thousands of acres in Bourbon, Harrison, Madison and Lincoln Counties. You may know that our Joseph Vance had a daughter who married a Harry Martin, but because there are so many Martins, it is unknown who Harry's father was. It would make some sense that Joseph Vance was with a brother, George in 1805 and from reading the tax data it looks they both might have left Lincoln County in 1796 or so. Do you still think our Joseph may have been the son of Joseph as indicated in the newsletter?

| DATE           | NAME                      | ACREAGE           | LOCATION    |
|----------------|---------------------------|-------------------|-------------|
| May 25, 1789   | George Vance              |                   |             |
| April 21, 1790 | George Vance              |                   |             |
| April 12, 1791 | George Vance              |                   |             |
| 1792           | George Vance              |                   |             |
| April 23, 1794 | George Vance              |                   |             |
| 1795           | George Vance              | 50 acres          | Dicks River |
| 1795           | <u>Joseph Vance</u>       | 0                 | -           |
| 1796           | George Vance              | 50 3rd rate acres | Dicks River |
| July 25, 1805  | (George Vance ?) bad film |                   |             |
| 1805           | Henry Martin              | 100 acres         | Green River |

Another interesting connection to Lincoln County was that John Bradley, the father of Nancy Bradley who married our Joseph Vance, and was a veteran of the Revolution, authorized Alexander Breckenridge to sell property on Green River on September 20, 1791. Virginia established its first military district south of the Green River, and only a soldier could enter a survey in the district. John Bradley's properties were:

| DATE          | ACREAGE       | LOCATION                               | RECORDED           |
|---------------|---------------|----------------------------------------|--------------------|
| May 9, 1780   | 303 acres     | Licking River                          | Book A; p. 39      |
| Mar. 26, 1781 | 400 acres     | Cedar Creek & Dixon River, Lincoln Co. | Book 1; pp. 68-108 |
| Jan. 17, 1783 | 400 acres     | Green River                            | Book A; p. 254     |
| Mar. 28, 1783 | 1,000 acres   | Rolling Fork                           | Book A; p. 269     |
| Dec. 17, 1783 | 639 1/2 acres | Green River                            | Book A; p. 319     |

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### Vance's – Ships

By C. Wengart

Prepared by Bruce Vance

JOHN VANCE is listed as bond master of William Penn, date of entry - May 28, 1675, in list of "Servants to Foreign Plantations from Bristol, England, to New England, 1657 – 1686."

WILLM VANCE, from Carricknacross, labourer, is included in "A List of Passengers intending to go by the British Brig Alexis., of Greenock, to Wilmington, N. Carolina, sworn 29 Mar. 1804."

THOS VANCE & child., 33, laborer., MARGARET VANCE, 54, female., and REBECCA VANCE, 23, female., are all listed as passengers on Schooner Telegraph., S. L. Blanchard, master, to Philadelphia., arriving during Quarter Ending Sept. 30, 1820. They belonged to Ireland; planned to inhabit U. S.

WM. VANCE, 34, farmer., and THOMAS VANCE., 25, farmer., are listed as passengers on ship Erin, Wm. Newcomb, master, to New York., err. Q. E. Sept. 30, 1820. They belonged to Ireland; planned to inhabit the U. S.

GILBERT VANCE, 35, merchant., sailed on ship Edwd. Downes, Russell, master, to New Orleans, Q. E. Dec. 31, 1822. He belonged to Ireland; planned to inhabit U. S.

D. VANCE and ISAAC VANCE are listed as passengers on ship Westpoint, Boggs. master., from Londonderry to New York, arriving in 1811.

### Kaufman County, Texas Cemeteries - Vance's

Submitted by Albert Howie

Prepared by Bruce Vance

*VFA Number in Parenthesis*

#### Cottonwood Cemetery

|                                   |             |             |
|-----------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Vance, Annie F                    | 15 Jan 1905 | 28 Oct 1991 |
| Vance, Beacher L (11225)          | 8 Oct 1898  | 10 Jan 1947 |
| Vance, Drucilla Jane (2354)       | 5 Jul 1861  | 10 Jan 1919 |
| Vance, Hiram T (11223)            | 26 Jun 1892 | 20 Jun 1933 |
| Vance, Vicie (11226)              | 22 Jun 1902 | 22 Jun 1927 |
| Vance, W.H. (William Henry, 8534) | 1855        | 1933        |

#### Locust Grove Cemetery

|              |      |      |
|--------------|------|------|
| Vance, J. D. |      | 1928 |
| Vance, Lee D | 1902 | 1967 |
| Vance, Sudie |      | 1930 |

#### Rose Hill Cemetery

|                         |      |             |
|-------------------------|------|-------------|
| (Vance) Pearl, Bartlett | 1896 | 26 Aug 1916 |
|-------------------------|------|-------------|

#### Wilson Chapel Cemetery

|                          |            |             |
|--------------------------|------------|-------------|
| Vance, Martha (w/o J.V.) | 5 Dec 1807 | 20 Jan 1885 |
|--------------------------|------------|-------------|

#### Oakland Cemetery Terrell

|                        |             |      |
|------------------------|-------------|------|
| Vance, Emma Lee        | 1892        | 1948 |
| Vance, Mae Blanche     | 1904        |      |
| Vance, Wootson B.      | 1878        | 1948 |
| Vance, Marshall (baby) | 21 Jun 1953 |      |

#### Kemp Cemetery

|                    |      |      |
|--------------------|------|------|
| Vance, Nora (Vick) | 1884 | 1950 |
|--------------------|------|------|

**WILLIAM AND SARAH VANCE**  
**Orange/Augusta County VA & Orangeburg County SC**  
**by Kathleen Mason**

*Background of the settlers in Beverley Manor, Augusta Co. Virginia: Reference: .Kegley's Virginia Frontier, Part 1. Pg. 36 states that in October 1734, William Beverley was granted 60,000 acres of land on the west side of the great mountains....land later in Augusta County, and marks the beginning of the Scotch-Irish settlement in the Valley...it is believed that all the earliest settlers west of the Blue Ridge came from Pennsylvania.*

**Orange/Augusta County, Virginia**

From bits and pieces in the VFA Newsletter to be cited, it now seems possible to 'put together' a probable family, and follow the migration pattern of this family. .

1738- A survey in an Old Field Book shows land surveyed for **William Vance**, beginning at Robert Cambles, Carthia's Creek about 9 May 1738. This is in the Chalkey Records, Vol II, pg. 372. Also cited pg. 509 **William Vance** is shown as being on Capt. John Willson's County Augusta Militia in 1742, as per the Preston Papers. *VFA NL April 1987 page 29.*

1740 - Deed dated July 23, 1740 from William and Elizabeth Beverly to **William Vance**.

1741 - Records of *Tinkling Springs Meeting House* show that **William Vance** was the father of **Moses Vance**, who was baptized October 20, 1741. Baptism records also show that a **George Vance** was the father to **Margaret Vance** who was baptized 12 September 1748. **James Vance** was the father of **Thomas Vance** who was baptized 11 January 1747 and **Mary Vance** who was baptized 25 February, 1749. What was the relationship between **William, James and George Vance**?

1744 - July **William Vance** and wife **Sarah**, sold land to Andrew Pickens, lying on middle branch of Shannado called Cathey's River in Beverley Manor in that part of Orange called August. Moses Thompson witnessed both the purchase of **William Vance's** land and the sale of it. **William Vance** signed the deed by his mark. *VFA NL Jan 1987, pg. 5.*

1746 - A suit was filed regarding **William Vance** and a deed from William Beverly to **William Vance** dated 23 July 1746. This was cited in Chalkley's Vol II, pg. 31. *VFA NL Apr 1987 pg. 29.*

1755 - March 17, 1755 William McPatters Sr. to **William Vance Jr.**, 332 acres in Beverly Manor, corner of **William Vance**. This is cited in Chalkley Vol II, pg. 332. This appears to be the son, as **William Vance Sr.** was deceased by November 8, 1751 when his son **George Vance** was baptized in Orangeburg, South Carolina.

It is of particular interest to note that on the map of Beverly Patent, the **William Vance** land is located in the northwest corner of the patent. His closest neighbors were **James Vance**, Robert Crockett, Robert Young, James Young, Robert Campbell. Going east from **William Vance's** property, the 10<sup>th</sup> neighbor was Moses Thompson. James Lusk lived south of him, about 7 neighbors below his property. Thomas and John Tate lived south east of him. This land where **William and James Vance** lived was located slightly southwest of present day Staunton. What

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happened to **James Vance**? What happened to **George Vance**? What relationship to **William Vance (Sr)**? **William Vance Sr.** named a son **George Vance**.

**Orangeburg County, South Carolina**

1751 - Orangeburg, SC. Baptized Tuesday 10 April (no year cited), at the house of Moses Thompson, Esq. in Amelia, (SC) **George**, son of **William Vance**, deceased, and Sarah his wife. Born 8 Nov. 1751. This was cited in Carolina Genealogist, *VFA NL Oct. 1994, pg 111*

1751 - Baptism Record recorded in Orangeburg, SC. Parents: **William Vance** and wife, Sarah. Baptism of son **George Vance**, b. Nov. 8, 1751. Suscepts: Moses Thompson, William Thompson, Rebecca Thompson. *VFA NL Apr 1990 pg 46.*

1753 - Baptism of Margaret, b. Sept. 26, 1753, daughter of Alexander and Isabell Tate. Suscept: **Elizabeth Vance**. *VFA NL April 1990 pg 46.*

1758 - Baptism for Margaret, born 1758, daughter of Richard and Mary Baldrige. Sureties: **Elizabeth Vance**, John and Sarah Thompson. *VFA NL April 1990 pg 46.*

**Moses Vance** (born 1741 VA) had several requests for advancement to 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Rev. War. *VFA NL Apr 1990 pg. 46.*

From the *Roster of South Carolina Patriots in the American Revolution* by Bobby Gilmer Moss, Gen. Pub. Co. 1985. Two names of interest are found: - **Moses** and **William Vance**. **Moses Vance**, born 1741 VA, served as a second lieutenant in the Rangers under Capt. Edward Richardson and Col. Thomson (Thompson?) *South Carolina Historical & Genealogical Magazine*, ; III, 181, 111, 69. **William Vance (Jr.)** served sixty days in the militia under Capt. John Moffet and Col. Bratton. (AA. 8013; L444) *VFA Jan 1987 pg. 2.* It is of interest that the 1790 South Carolina census of Camden District, York County, Col. William Bratton is on the same page 28 as **James Vance (James Alexander Vance Sr. # 189)** and a widow Bratten is next door to **James Vance**. Did these Vances from Orangeburg Co. know **James Vance** of Camden District? This **James Vance #189** is not the same person as the **James Vance**, a neighbor of **William Vance** in the Beverly Patent. He is yet unidentified as to his relationship to **William Vance**.

1771, Nov. 29 & 30. Lease and release, Tacitus Gillard, Esqr. And Ann his wife to (? of ?) St. Mathews Parish, planter, to Jacob Christopher Zahn of St. Stephens Parish, planter, for £6500, 69 acres part of 300 acres granted to Samuel Hudson 24 May 1745; 138 acres both on south side Santee River; also 500 acres the remaining part of two tracts of 400 acres each on both on the north side of Santee River both granted 13 Nov 1756 to Francis Kinloch Esqr, the other four hundred acres being sold unto George King; also tract of 200 acres on south side on Santee River granted 15 Nov 1769 to Isaac Porcher Esqr. Tacit's Gillard (LS), Ann Gillard (LS). Wit: Isaac Gillard, **Moses Vance**. Proved 30 Nov. 1771 before John Savage, J. P. in Colleton. Plat certified 29 Nov 1771 by Henry Mouzon, Junr. Reference: S.C. Deed Abstracts Books 4-5 by Brent Holcomb, research Kathleen Mason, Jackson, MS Archives.

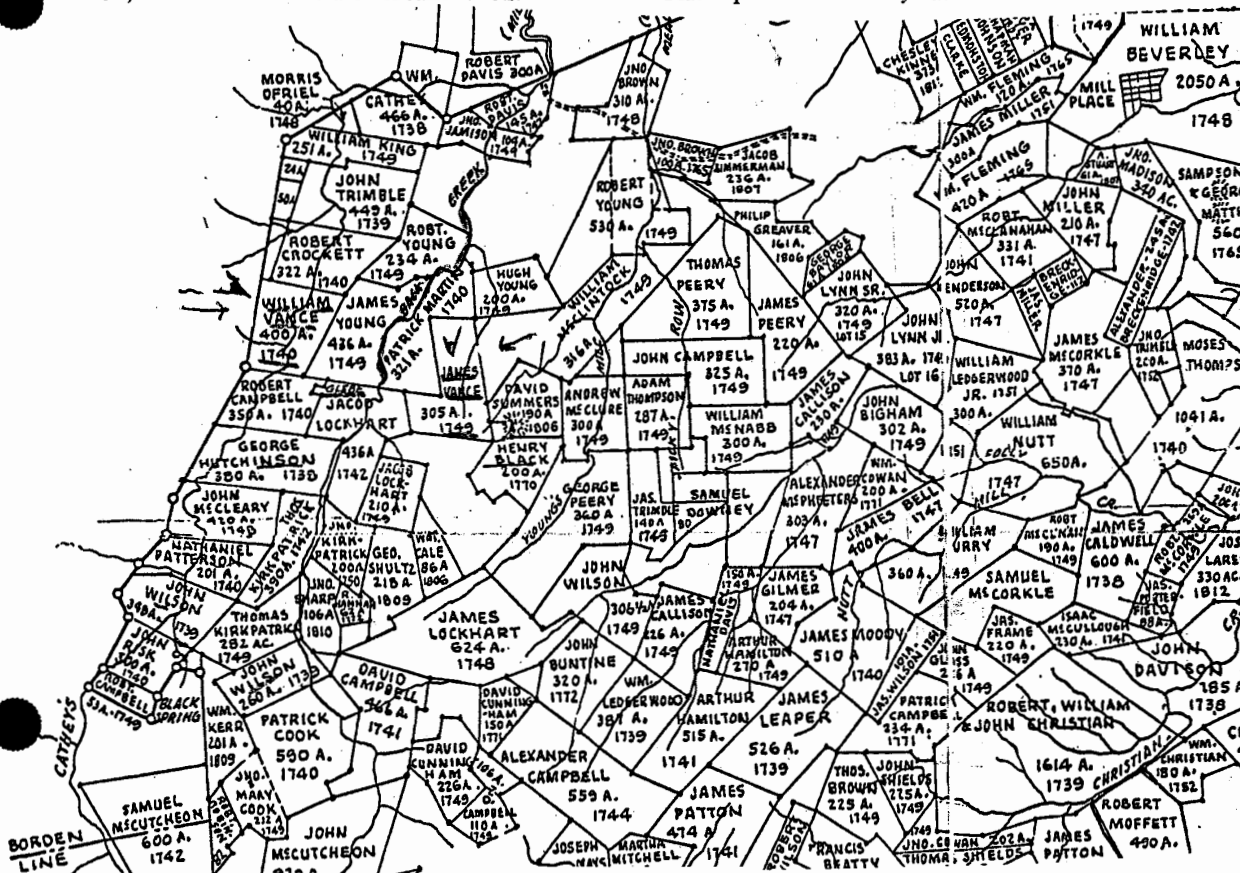
1777 - On 12 and 13 December 1777, Thomas Hughes of Orangeburg District, South Carolina deeded to Nathan Green of same county, 100 acres on branch of Savannah river called Tinker's Creek, granted to Richard Hall 11 Feb 1767. Witnesses: Daniel Green, Senr., **Patrick Vance**, William Ashley.

Studying the above references we can ascertain that **William** and **Sarah Vance** were man and wife. With the Moses Thompson signing documents in both Orange/Augusta County Virginia, and Orangeburg, SC it

seems likely that Sarah Vance could have been a Thompson before marriage. With the fact given that Moses Vance was born in Virginia, the possible children of William and Sarah Vance begins to emerge. George's baptism records proves he was a son. Other possible children besides George and Moses are William (Jr.) (who went back to Augusta Co. Va. to reclaim his father's land, and was involved in a lawsuit about it), Patrick, and Elizabeth. Does someone have further records on this family? It appears William Vance Sr. probably died in South Carolina ca 1751, as that is the first reference to his death on George's baptism record. No land records of the Vances are available in Orangeburg County, South Carolina. By 1790 none of these men are in the South Carolina census. Did they move elsewhere, or die in South Carolina? Census records often have errors and omissions.

Who is this William Vance? Is he a descendent if any of the above men? A certain William Vance(1779?-1824) was a prosperous planter who owned property in both St. Matthew and St. James Goose Creek parishes. According to the 1810 federal census, he possessed 50 slaves in Orangeburg District. After his death, a tax return on the estate listed 2,280 acres and 41 slaves in St. James Goose Creek. In addition to his planting activities, he operated a ferry over the Santee River (1805-1815). He was elected to the House, representing St. Matthew in the Twentieth General Assembly (1812-1813). Locally, he served as a vestryman for St. Matthew (1808-1809, 1819) and militia major (ca 1812-1824). He and his wife Frances, were parents of at least seven children: William (m. 1826), Frances Lawson, Margaret Tate, John Lawson, Sarah McMichael, Letitia James, and Mary Elizabeth. Survived by his wife and six children, William Vance died 18 August 18, 1824 in his fifty-fourth year. (note that a John and Thomas Tate were neighbors of William Vance in Augusta County, Virginia. and this William Vance had a daughter who married a Tate, *Biographical Dictionary of the SC House of Representatives, Vol. IV, 1791-1815*. Research of Jan Francis.

Plat of part of the Beverly Patent owners shown below:





## VANCES OF EARLY VIRGINIA

In the last newsletter I mentioned finding an Andrew Vance on the 1748/49 and 50 Tax Lists for Lunenburg County Virginia. Subsequent research has not produced many more details on this elusive man.

Virginia Lovett has found an Andrew Vance in Bedford County, VA in 1754 which gives us a place to start as we know a little of a John Vance who died in Bedford in 1755/56.

John Vance accompanied Col. John Buchanan on a journey to the New River in October 1745 and lived at present Max Meadows, on Reed Creek, a branch of the New River (just east of present Wytheville, Va) until c1755 when Indian problems caused the whites to leave the area. John Vance relocated to Bedford County and died within 3 years.

There were several other Vances living near John at Max Meadows. A Patrick who sold some of the land which had been granted to John, a Robert Vance who was granted 180 Acres on Reed Creek near John, a Samuel Vance who was in a militia company in 1758/59 commanded by Alexander Sayers who had been a neighbor of John and an Edmond Vance, of whom, we know nothing. The Vances at the New River Settlement seem to have been related and seem to connect with the Andrew Vance of early Lunenburg County.

We need to learn more of this Vance family who distinguished themselves as being the first Vances to venture to western frontier.

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Indian Mound Cemetery, Romney, W.Va. Rte 220  
Grave Markers

In Memory of affectionate  
Christian Mother  
Margaret Vance  
Wife of  
William Vance Esq.  
Died  
Nov. 28th 1847  
Aged 63

In Memory of  
James Henry  
son of  
Wm and Margaret Vance  
Departed this life  
June 28 1830 (1850?)  
In the ??? year of  
his age

MOTHER  
Mary C.  
wife of  
Charles Blue  
Born Feb 3, 1811  
Died Jan 31, 1870  
Perfect through  
suffering

MCB

Our Beloved Father  
William Vance  
died  
Feb 11, 1863  
Aged 78 Years  
I leaned upon thy  
grave while prayer  
Burst from my  
Aching heart  
Ah, Savior remind?  
us \_\_\_\_\_?  
We cannot \_\_\_\_\_?

Father  
Charles Blue

|                                                             |                      |
|-------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------|
| Enclosed in an ornamental iron fence, Indian Mound Cemetery |                      |
| John T. Vance                                               | Mary Elizabeth Vance |
| Oct 3, 1830                                                 | wife of              |
| Sept. 5, 1896                                               | John T. Vance        |
| God, hath given to                                          | Jan 30, 1837         |
| Us Eternal life                                             | April 8, 1904        |
| & his life is in his                                        | Asleep in Jesus      |
| son                                                         | Blessed sleep        |
| JTV                                                         | MEV                  |

Frank Meyers  
Son of  
J.T. & M.E. Vance  
Born  
Feb. 9, 1876  
Died  
Jan 29, 1892  
All things work  
together for good  
to them that  
love God  
Romans  
F.M.V.

Also in Romeny cemetery are  
Washington, Miller,  
Jackson, Gilkeson,  
Marshall, Gibson  
Randall, Dawson  
Brown family names

Research of  
Phyllis Vance Worrall

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CONFEDERATE KENTUCKY VOLUNTEERS  
Report of the Adjutant General of the State of Kentucky  
War 1861-65  
McDowell Publications, Hartford, KY 1979

Benjamin Vance, Private (1st Organization), Roll of Company E, First Regiment Cavalry, Kentucky Volunteers, Confederate States Army (The rolls of Company "E" and Company "D", are confusing, and frequently the company "letter" is found erased and changed from, "E" to "D", and vice versa.) v1, p508

Benjamin F. Vance, Private, Enlisted Jan. 1, 1864 at Dalton [Tennessee?], Roll of Company B, First Regiment Cavalry, Kentucky Volunteers, Confederate States Army v1 p492

G. W. Vance, Private, Enlisted Sept. 16, 1862 at Owenton, KY, Roll of Company I, Sixth Regiment Cavalry, Kentucky Volunteers, Confederate States Army (This company was united with this regiment as a part of Bullitt's Battalion in January, 1863. The old roster calls this Company "I", the rolls on file are marked "C".) v1, p680

G. W. Vance, Private, Enlisted Sept. 25, 1862 at Giles Co., Tenn. Missing in Kentucky, December 28, 1862. Roll of Company C, Seventh Regiment Cavalry, Kentucky Volunteers, Confederate States Army (This company was recruited in August and September, 1862, and in September, 1862, was sworn into service at Camp Reed, near Danville, KY, and joined and became a part of the 6th Kentucky Cavalry as Company "E", Colonel J. Warren Grigsby commanding. Just before the battle of Perryville, Colonel Grigsby detailed to go to Green and Taylor Counties, Kentucky, for the purpose of getting recruits. While there on that duty the advance of Buell's army to Perryville, cut it off from communicating with the regiment and for that reason Capt. Edwards marched the company to middle Tennessee, and on arrival at Murfreesboro, not finding the regiment or learning of its whereabouts, Capt. Edwards reported to Major General Breckinridge, then in command at Murfreesboro, who ordered the company to report to General Morgan at Hartsville, Tenn. This was done, and by his direction the company acted as a part of Colonel Gano's Regiment, 7th Kentucky Cavalry, in which it was designated Company "C". In July, 1863, General Morgan ordered it to report back to and become again a part of the 6th Kentucky Cavalry. That was done and from that time until the capture of nearly all of the regiment at Cheshire, Ohio, July 20, 1863, it continuously served with and acted as a part of the regiment.) v1 pp696-697

George Vance, 3rd Sergeant, Enlisted Sept. 17, 1862 at Taylor Co., KY, Roll of Company C, Seventh Regiment Cavalry, Kentucky Volunteers, Confederate States Army (same note as above) v1 p692

J. P. Vance, Private, Enlisted July 22, 1861 at Camp Boone, Roll of Company H, Third Regiment Infantry (Mounted), Kentucky Volunteers, Confederate States Army (Roll from September 30, 1862, to January 1, 1863 - This Company marched from Tallahatchie River, Miss., to Granada, Miss. Roll from July 1, 1862, to September 1, 1863 - This Company marched from Vernon to Big Creek, from there to Jackson, Miss., where it skirmished for eight days; thence to Brandon, Morton Depot, Forest and Lake Stations, Newton Station; thence returned to Morton. Roll dated November 1, 1863, to January 1, 1864 - Stationed at Canton, Miss. Roll dated May 1, 1864, to July 1, 1864 - This Company met the enemy at Tishomingo Creek, June 10, 1864, and routed them; pursued the enemy to LaGrange, Tenn., when the Company was ordered back to Guntown.) v1 pp124-125

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J. W. Vance, Private, Enlisted Sep. 11, 1862 at Lexington, KY, Roll of Companies Consolidated, Seventh Regiment Cavalry, Kentucky Volunteers, Confederate States Army. (Roll dated February, 1864, at Calhoun, GA. - This company is composed of the remnants of Companies "A", "B", "C", "D", "G", "H", "I", and "K", of Gano's Regiment, Morgan's Division of Cavalry. The members of the above named companies whose names do not appear upon this muster roll, were either killed or captured during the recent incursions of General Morgan into Kentucky, Indiana and Ohio, or are at present consolidated under Lieut. Col. Bowles, of Morgan's command.) v1 pp718-719

James Vance, Private, Enlisted Sep. 15, 1862 at Pendleton Co., KY, Roll of Company D, Fourth Regiment Cavalry, Kentucky Volunteers, Confederate States Army. v1 p612

John E. Vance, Private, Enlisted Sept. 12, 1862 at Lexington, KY, Roll of Company D, Seventh Regiment Cavalry, Kentucky Volunteers, Confederate States Army v1 p698

Joseph W. Vance, Private, Enlisted Sept. 12, 1862 at Lexington, KY, Roll of Company D, Seventh Regiment Cavalry, Kentucky Volunteers, Confederate States Army v1 p698

Peter Vance, Private, Enlisted Sep. 15, 1862 at Pendleton Co., KY, Captured, Roll of Company D, Fourth Regiment Cavalry, Kentucky Volunteers, Confederate States Army v1 pp612-613

W. T. Vance, Private, Enlisted Oct. 24, 1861 at Camp Burnett, Roll of Company G, Seventh Regiment Infantry, Kentucky Volunteers, Confederate States Army (This Company was consolidated with Company "I". On Roll dated January 1, 1863 - Regiment marched from Holly Springs, Miss. to Abbyville, on Nov. 9, 1862, and from there on December 2d, to Granada.) v1 pp360-361

Wm. H. Vance, Private, Enlisted Oct. 6, 1862 at Salyersville, KY, Transferred by consolidation, from Capt. Lykins' Co. "G". Roll of Company C, Fifth Regiment Infantry (Consolidated), Kentucky Volunteers, Confederate States Army (This company "C" of the Consolidated Regiment was Company "E" of the enlistment for the war organization, and by order of General Marshall, of date of Nov. 13, 1862, was consolidated by the merging into this company of Capt. Young's Co. "B", Captain Wells' Co. "C", Captain Connor's Co. "D", Captain Lykins' Co. "G", and Captain Robertson's Co. "K", and took position as Co. "C" of the Consolidated Regiment by right of date of commission of officer commanding.) v1 pp 224-225 [I believe this William H. Vance is the oldest son of John & Rhoda Griffiths Vance (William, Abner)]

A. H. Vance, Private, Enlisted July 1, 1863 at Buchanan Co., VA

Elijah Vance, Private, Enlisted July 1, 1863 at Buchanan Co., VA

James H. Vance, Private, Enlisted July 1, 1863 at Buchanan Co., VA

W. H. Vance, Private, Enlisted July 1, 1863 at Buchanan Co., VA

Roll of Company I, 14th Regiment Cavalry, Kentucky Volunteers, Confederate States Army - Formerly May's Battalion Kentucky and Virginia Mounted Rifles - 10th Cavalry (The only roll of this company on file is dated Buchanan County, Va., July 31, 1863 and marked Company "H", May's Mounted Riflemen. There are two rolls marked Company "H", and this latter roll is designated Company "I", as it appears to be the junior company.) v2 p200

G. W. Vance, Private, Enlisted Sept. 11, 1862 at Pulaski, Tenn. Roll of Beck's Company of Partisan Rangers, Kentucky Volunteers Confederate States Army v2 p 338

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Geo. Vance, Private, Enlisted Aug. 1, 1862 at Pulaski, Tenn. Roll of Company B, 2nd Battalion Cavalry, Kentucky Volunteers, Confederate States Army (Only one roll of this compiled, dated August 31, 1863 to October 3, 1863. October 31, 1863 Company was stationed at Tunnell Hill, Ga. S. O. 286. A. G. O. December 2, 1864. V 1. Company B, 2nd Battalion Kentucky Cavalry (Captain J. J. Calloway) is hereby transferred to the Army of Tennessee and will report to Genl. J. Hood.) v2 pp 314-315

J. Vance, Private, Enlisted Sept. 1, 1862 at Sumner Co., Tenn. Roll of Jester & Trousdale's Company of Independent Cavalry, Kentucky Volunteers, Confederate States Army v2 p332

W. R. Vance, Private, Enlisted Apr. 15, 1864 at \_\_\_\_\_, Kentucky. Wounded in action, at Tichemingo Creek, June 10, 1864. Roll of Company A, 12th Regiment Cavalry, Kentucky Volunteers, Confederate States Army (Also called First Kentucky and Tennessee Mounted Rifles. Taken from rolls dated at Tupelo, Miss., May 10, and June 20, 1864 and at Cane, Mississippi on January 28th, 1863.) v2 pp104-105

William Vance, Private, Enlisted Mar. 28, 1863 at Buchanan Co., Va. Roll of Company G, 14th Regiment Cavalry, Kentucky Volunteers, Confederate States Army (The rolls of this company on file are dated July 30, 1863, Buchanan County, Va., and August 28, 1864, at Carter's Station, East Tennessee. No record of events given.) v2 p196

Frank Voss, Private, Enlisted Oct. 20, 1862 at Knoxville, Tenn. Roll of Company B, Seventh Regiment Cavalry, Kentucky Volunteers, Confederate States Army (Roll dated Dec. 31, 1863, at Alexandria, Tenn. This company has been with General John H. Morgan's command since June 1, 1862, and has been in active service nearly all the time. Engaged enemy at Gallatin, was in the retreat from Kentucky in October. (The remainder of notes on this roll are entirely illegible and cannot be read)) v2 p 692

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Maryland  
'Maryland Marriages 1778 -1800' by Robert Barnes  
Seattle Genealogical Society  
By Bruce Vance

|                     |                       |             |
|---------------------|-----------------------|-------------|
| Jacob Baxter (8971) | *Johanna Vance (8964) | 5 Feb 1782  |
| John Humphries      | Matty Vance           | 14 Jan 1800 |
| George Vance        | Patty Hardy           | 3 Mar 1800  |
| Samuel Vance (8965) | Mary Waters (8973)    | 9 Oct 1798  |
| William Vance       | Martha Keeth          | 23 Feb 1782 |

\*Johanna is daughter of Samuel Vance (1889) and Agnes Penquite (1890)

*Davis Vance*

Washington County, NC/TN - Tuscaloosa County, AL  
Compiled by Kathleen Mason

Research of Doug Ward, Lonnie Ray Vance, Mary Shaw-Vance, Mary Norfleet, Kathleen Mason.

Nothing is known at present about the parents of Davis Vance. The first record of him was found was in Washington County, North Carolina where Davis Vance received a grant for 400 acres from the state of North Carolina on October 24, 1782. This county later became Washington County, Tennessee, and the records are found there. The land was located on the banks of Buffalo Creek, bounded by Christopher Cunningham, Andrew Taylor, Thomas Earley, and Robert Lusk.

Washington Co. TN Court Minutes, Book One (LDS Microfilm 570,854)

Ordered that Ed Williams, James Stuart, Jacob McNabb, Saml Henry, Jr., And. Taylor, Marth Talbot, **Davis Vance**, James Henry, Robert Lusk, Jos Tipton, Sam'l Henry Sen., Valentine Sevier, William Cox, Joshea Houghton, Thomas Gentry, John Potter & Michl Hides review the road from James Stuart Esqr plantation to sicamore (sycamore) shoals and that Wm. McNabb esqr qualify them, (Nov. 1782, pg 185)

On petition of **Davis Vance** to have one acre of land condemned the property of Chriso Caring the same for use for the use and Convenency of said **Davis Vance** Grist Mill, etc., the Court order that Edd Williams, Saml Henry snr., Saml Henry Jur., and Thomas Gourly review & value land etc. ordered that **Davis Vance** who at this time built a grist Mill be entitled to take and receive some toll and other rights and inunities (?) as other Grist Mills is entitled to receive. (5 Feb 1783, pg. 93)

Saml Henry Sr., Thomas Gentry & Samuel Henry was appointed to review and value one acre of land part of the estate of Christopher Cunningham (?Christo) deed. Granted to **David (Davis?) Vance** have made the return & value the said acre of land to one pound currency (3 Aug 1784 p 244)

Robert Taylor exhibited to court a deed of conveyence from Thomas Gourley attorney of **David (?Davis) Vance** which was duly acknowledged and ordered to be recorded. (7 Feb 1787; p. 277)

Washington Co. TN Court Pleas, LDS Microfilm 590,859 There are several references which refer to same transactions referenced above., and the name is spelled **Davis Vance**. Also State vs **David (?Davis) Vance**. Defendant submitted to Court & fined one dollar. November Sessions, 1800 (Box 2 Folder 7, p. 236). There is a reference to a **James Vance** in 1788, **Joseph Vance** in 178\_, **John Vance** vs Thomas Blackburn.in 1796. Were these three men related to **Davis Vance**?

**Davis Vance of Tuscaloosa, Alabama.** Deed of Gift to three infant children: **Lorenzo Davis Vance**, **Arena R. Vance** (Same person as **Irena Vance** who married Henry C. L. Hendrix) and **Seaburn A. Vance**; wife **Phebe Vance**. 5 Aug 1823. Book 1, page 275. Why did he do this? He did not die until ca 1838! Sons **Joshua** and **Samuel Vance** were adults by then. Family Group Sheet of **Lonnie Ray Vance**, descendant of **Joshua**, shows **Joshua Vance** b. 12 Aug 1793 as son of **Davis Vance & Phoebe**. Also a **Samuel Vance** b. 1790-1800. This would

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make 5 children for **Davis Vance**. Reference: *Alabama Records of Tuscaloosa Co. AL* by Pauline Gandread. Vol 7, pg. 48

**Davis Vance** to Charles Peavy. **Pheby Vance**, wife of **Davis Vance** relinquished dower rights. 24 June 1825. Book A, page 391.

**Davis Vance** and wife **Phobe Vance** sells to Henry C. L. Hendricks.(son in law) Recorded Book L pg. 62, dated 21 Feb. 1835.

**Estate of Davis Vance**, Book 1 Page 315 dated 26 Feb 1838. Phoebe, widow of **Davis Vance**, relinquishes right to administer the estate. The Sheriff of Tuscaloosa to be the administrator.

**Lorenzo Davis Vance, son of Davis Vance**. Our data base shows **Davis Vance** #813 and wife Pheby #814. It also shows a son **Lorenzo Davis Vance** #263 b. about 1806 died about 1865, m. Permelia M. #264. Their son **Hugh Levy Vance** #261 was born Feb 1851 in Texas. This is the line of VFA member **Lonnie Ray Vance**.. Other known children of **Lorenzo's** were **Davis W. Vance, Irene Vance, Seaborn Vance**. There were four other children born in Shelby County, Texas, names unknown.

**Seaborn Vance, son of Davis Vance**. It is interesting to note the name **Seaburn A. Vance**. See NL July 1996 pg. 86/7. Is there a connection to the Greene Co. TN. or Frederick Co. VA. families that have a **Seaborn/Seaburn** name? Help!. **Seaborn Vance** married Polly Lancaster 23 March, 1833 in Tuscaloosa Co. AL No further information on him.

**Irena/Arena Vance, daughter of Davis Vance**. The son of this James Hendrix, Henry C. L. Hendrix, married **Irena Vance** 18 Oct. 1827 in Tuscaloosa Co. AL. (license issued Oct 17) No further info

**Samuel Vance, son of Davis Vance**. We have little information on him and it is not known if these references are to this **Samuel Vance**, as there was another **Samuel Vance** in the area. 1 Jan 1833, Book J, pg. 10. Enoch Elliott and wife Elizabeth to Levern Powell and Henry W. Collier of 2<sup>nd</sup> part and Samuel M. Meek and **Samuel Vance** of 3<sup>rd</sup> part. Land in Tuscaloosa Co. **Samuel Vance** sells to Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Lopez. Wit: Nelson Walkly, Elvira M. Walkey. Lot in Tuscaloosa. Recorded Book M. Pg. 326.

**Joshua Vance, son of Davis Vance**. His wife was Nancy Hendricks. James Hendrix, wife Jane Hendrix, John J. Hendrix, my other heirs, viz: Henry C. L. Hendrix, William Hendrix, James A. Hendrix, Eleanor Ivins, **Nancy Vance**, Margaret VanLandingham. Executors: Sons John J. and Henry C. L. Hendrix. Witness: James D. Bell, Lemuel Baswell, Andrew P. Homan...Letter to Mrs. Gandrud from Mrs. Billie Akins, 133 Thornton St., Kosciusko, MS. dated Oct. 18, 1957 "James Hendricks m. a McGill, sister of Barnett McGill. They all came from S.C. and their daughter Nancy (Hencricks) married **Joshua Vance (son of Davis Vance)**. I have a Bible of **Joshua Vance**." Reference: *Alabama Records of Tuscaloosa Co. AL* by Pauline Gandread. Vol. 7, pg. 62 **Joshua and Nancy Hendricks** children were: 1. **Eleanor E. D. Vance** m. #1 Archie Donnavan, #2 E. E. Abbott; 2. **Margaret R. Vance**, m. John James Berry; 3. **James Riles**

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Vance; 4. Irene Vance m. William . Wheatt; 5. Henry C. L. Vance; 6. Jane H. M. C. Vance m. #1 E. J. P. Ayers; #2 G. B. White; and 7. Nancy Elizabeth Vance m. Wiley Peter Lowery.

Joshua Vance and wife Nancy sells land to Washington John Washington. Book M Pg. 286 dated 2 Dec 1836.

Jesse Thomas and wife Arcaday sell land to Joshua Vance 20 April 1838. Deed Book P Pg. 383.

The line of VFA Member Douglas Ward: Davis Vance's son Joshua married Nancy Hendricks on August 12, 1819. Their daughter Nancy born 1839 in Alabama, married Wiley Peter Lowery on January 24, 1856 in Winston County, Mississippi. Their children were born in Attala County. Wiley joined the CSA and died November 12, 1862 at the Court House Hospital, Knoxville, TN. Money left after he died \$50.60. Their children were grown by then.

Question: who was the father of Davis Vance? Help!

Note the old deed of Davis Vance  
that was filed nearly 100 years late!   ⇒

Mary Norfleet found a reference  
to a Davis Vance. Is this the same  
Davis Vance? 19 Nov 1783, Isham  
Ravis of Rutherford Co. NC to  
Samuel Walker of same, for 10 pounds  
proc. Money..land on both sides Main  
Broad River adj. Walker...  
Isham Ravis (seal) Witnessed:  
Benjamin Hider, Isaac (X) Bryant,  
Davis Vance.

**Mercury-Banner.**  
Every Evening and Sunday Morning,  
HUNTSVILLE, ALABAMA,  
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10, 1912.

**OLD DEEDS  
RECORDED**

One is Nearly Hun-  
dred Years Old

OTHER IS A CONVEYANCE OF  
SCHOOL LAND EXECUTED  
IN 1836.

A deed executed in 1819, a few weeks before Alabama became a State, has just been filed for record in the probate court. It was executed by Davis Vance, of Tuscaloosa county, Territory of Mississippi, conveying to John James, of Madison county, fifty acres of land lying north of the Battle place and being a part of the Polavin Sanders plantation. The consideration was \$500. The deed is dated January 2, 1819.

Another deed nearly eighty years old was filed for record at the same time. It was executed by the State of Alabama and conveyed to Martha James certificate for an area of school lands. It was written on parchment, bears date of 1836 and is signed by John Gayle, governor of Alabama, at Tuscaloosa, which was then the State capital.

The two deeds belong to the same estate, and they were rescued from oblivion and filed for record for the purpose of perfecting title to the property described in them.





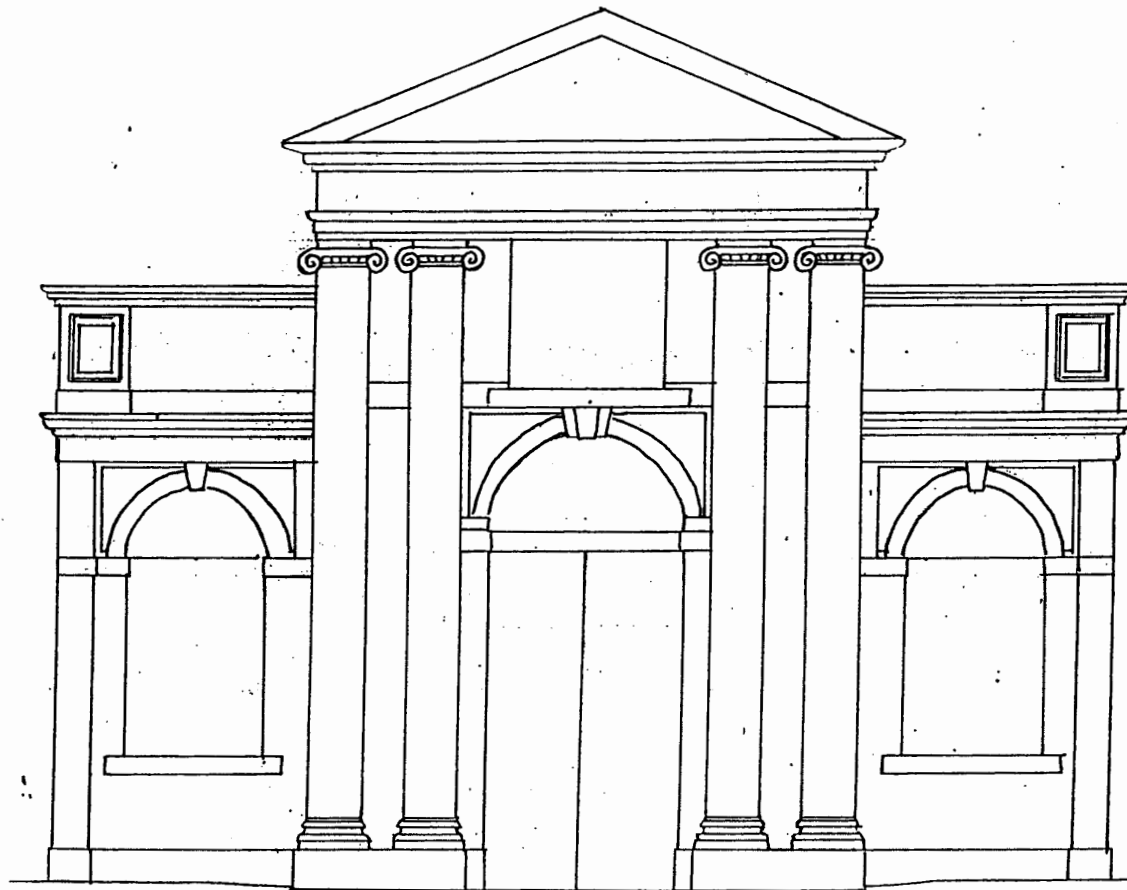
## Kathleen's Korner

On August 8<sup>th</sup> Bruce received a phone call from Jamie Vans, son of Alec Vans advising the Vance Family Association that Alec had passed away. Many of our members met Alec and Jamie in Scotland in 1984. Bill Huss and his mother met Alec in Scotland in 1981 and he escorted them to the places of interest. Vance Voss Smith met him in England and they visited the historical places. My husband Herman and I also met Alec and enjoyed Alec's company for two days. Buddy Vance and wife, mother, siblings and spouses also had a grand tour. We all owe a debt of gratitude to Alec for sharing he family history and heritage with those of us who were interested. If Alec had not called a 'family reunion' in 1984, the Vance Family Association probably would not exist. Our condolences to Jamie and his sister Margaret, Alec's gift to us was priceless.

Elsewhere in this newsletter, it was mentioned that I shall be stepping down as Senior Historian in April 1999. It has been such a privilege to serve as Historian since 1985. The association with the members of VFA has certainly enhanced my life. Grace, Virginia and Mary have held up my hands when I was weary. Our members have kept my mailman busy. E-mail has assisted us greatly. I know you will continue to give Grace, Virginia and Mary the support and research that you have so faithfully given to me. It has been a rewarding experience to have served under all of our former editors and presidents. Bruce and I have served the longest period of time together. Being across the country from each other has not slowed down our work. We have also worked on the Data Base project together, with more than 12,000 names, places and dates entered. This Data Base project was the brainchild of Vance Voss Smith at the Kansas City meeting. I was out of the country, and came back home to a new job of proofing the entries. It has been a challenge, but a most worthwhile project. The Data Base certainly enhanced our efficiency. It is quite evident Bruce is a pro with the computer, so he also became my teacher in that area. Perhaps the greatest accomplishment of VFA has been to document our member's lines. I spent about 15 minutes studying the cross reference list, and recalled some of the changes/additions/deletions. Quickly I reached a count of more than 234 members who have had their lines corrected. There are certainly more than that if more time were spent studying the pedigree charts. Finding another generation is always a thrill, as well as dropping an incorrect ancestor, or even finding a new cousin.

Our biennial meetings with our extended family have been enjoyable. We have visited parts of the country that we might not have visited, and enjoyed the tours in each area. We ate salmon in Seattle and Bruce and Eva ate catfish in my home town - we did not get around to the fried chicken. Many of you have opened your homes to us as a group. I simply cannot imagine life without the Vance Family Association. So, next year, I will sit back and enjoy the fruits of labor of my extended family, as I think fondly all the good times we have shared.

To quote Bob Hope "Thanks for the Memory." Now, I had better get busy - we have a newsletter to get out!



The Vans-Agnew Crypt at Kirkinner, Scotland, sketched from Renovation plans by Betty Silfies. The Vans and Agnew Coat of Arms is inserted above the door between the columns. See July 1998 NL pg 115 for update on this project.

## 19TH ANNUAL VANCE REUNION HELD IN WEST VIRGINIA

By Quintin Dale Vance

Descendants of the late David Vance (1850-1944) held their 19th Annual Vance Reunion, August 8, 1998 Panther State Forest, Panther, West Va. Registration began at 11:00 A.M. Homer (Van) Vance served as Master of Ceremony. Approximately 300 were in attendance. Several were attending for the very first time. Kinfolk came from; Georgia, Florida, Kentucky, Maryland, Michigan, North Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia and West Virginia. Everyone came for a weekend of fun, food and fellowship.



The only surviving children (two daughters) of David Vance were attending. Ms. Pearl (Vance) Green of Croton, OH, (oldest family member attending) and Ms. Linnie (Vance) Mullins of Paynesville, WV. These ladies were presented a plaque of appreciation for years of dedication and contributions to the Vance Family Reunion. Other plaques were presented; "Vance Lovebirds" (longest married couple 59 yrs. 3 mos.) to Bittle & Mildred Steele, Iaeger, WV. Bittle is the son of the late Harrison & Louise (Vance) Steele. "Vance Honeymooners" (couple married the shortest time, 4 weeks) to Michael & Emily (Miller) Atwell, Paynesville, WV. Emily is the great granddaughter of Linnie (Vance) Mullins. "Vance Traveler" (who traveled the farthest distance, 1600 miles from Tyler, TX) to Keisha (Vance) Raker. Keisha is the daughter of the late Edgel Vance. "Vance Papoose" (youngest attending 7 weeks old) to Caitlin E. Vance, the daughter of Dale & Margaret Vance and the great-great-granddaughter of the late James W. Vance. Everyone enjoyed the reunion, good food, fellowship, and fond memories were shared by all.

On Saturday evening, approximately 100 family members gathered at the old David Vance homeplace for a wiener roast, dance, music and more fun. Approximately 150 gathered at the 4-H Group Camp, Panther for fun, and fellowship. The first ever, VANGRYO BEAUTY PAGEANT was held to see the beauties the VANCES have produced. During preparations for the pageant, Connie (Vance) Kingery entertained our guest. The contestants were; John & Daniel Hood, Homer, Kermit & Jason Vance, Ralph Roberts, Bob Blevins, Jason Swann, Mike Bennett, and Braxton Mullins. Our beauty winners were; 3rd Runner-up Jaseena (Jason Vance), Bluefield, VA, 2nd Runner-up Skameeka (Jason Swann), Huntington, WV, 1st Runner-up - Kermilta (Kermit Vance) Jolo, WV and the first ever MS VANGRYO Michelle (Mike Bennett) Pennsylvania. An auction was held, games were played, and everyone had a great evening! Our 20th Vance Reunion will be held Saturday August 14, 1999. Please make plans now to attend.

*(ed. Quintin's address is on the cover)*

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**NEW AND REVISED VFA PEDIGREES**  
*(Caution - some names truncated)*

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| 1987 - CLEVENGER, Mark | B-17 Mar 1958 CA | D-               | M-20 Aug 1977 AZ | 2988 - VANCE, Della S   | B- 9 Mar 1959 AZ | D-             |
| 1989 - VANCE, John L   | B- 6 Sep 1919 TX | D-               | M- 7 Nov 1947 NV | 3011 - GARDNER, Nell    | B- 6 Sep 1922 OK | D-             |
| 2990 - VANCE, John L   | B-24 Mar 1885 TX | D- Feb 1956 CA   | M- 5 Apr 1915 TX | 2991 - MCWHORTER, Sarah | B- 3 Jul 1884 TX | D- Aug 1945 CA |
| 2992 - VANCE, John F   | B-27 Oct 1850 TN | D-14 Sep 1911 TX | M-15 May 1873    | 2993 - LOCK, Ann E      | B-10 Sep 1851    | D- TX          |
| 4573 - VANCE, Ramsey   | B-22 Nov 1809 TN | D-               | M- Jan 1932 TN   | 4583 - MANN, Letsey     | B-20 Oct 1808 TN | D-             |
| 1286 - VANCE, John F   | B-               | D-               |                  | 5862 - BAXTER, Unk      | B-               | D-             |

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| 12486- CADUNOG, Unk                     | B-                | D-               |                | 12485- DAVIDSON, Christ | B-17 Aug 1968 TX  | D-               |
| 12484- DAVIDSON, Unk                    | B-                | D-               |                | 12483- O'DELL, Carol J  | B- 3 Jun 1949 TX  | D-               |
| 12482- O'DELL, Unk                      | B-                | D-               |                | 12481- VANCE, Martha I  | B-29 Jul 1918 TX  | D-31 Mar 1984 TX |
| 11262- VANCE, Ellis C                   | B- 6 Aug 1889 TX  | D- 3 Apr 1978 TX | M-Abt 1911     | 11269- BURNUP, Martha E | B-                | D-               |
| 5134 - VANCE, Elisha H                  | B- 4 Aug 1858 MS  | D-15 May 1947 TX | M-Abt 1888 TX  | 5158 - ROGERS, Sarah I  | B-21 Aug 1865 MO  | D- 2 Dec 1906 TX |
| 3418 - VANCE, David                     | B- 9 May 1825 Ire | D-17 Oct 1911 MS | M- Mar 1850 MS | 3419 - VANCE, Margaret  | B- 7 Sep 1832 Ire | D- 6 Jan 1925 MS |
| 3416 - VANCE, James                     | B-Abt 1795 Ire    | D-               | M-Abt 1817 Ire | 3417 - MCCANNON, Ann    | B-Abt 1795 Ire    | D-               |
| ----- Additional & Double Line(s) ----- |                   |                  |                |                         |                   |                  |
| 3508 - VANCE, Thomas F                  | B- Ire            | D- MS            |                | 3509 - UNK, Margaret    | B-Abt 1796 Ire    | D-               |

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| 12403- CARR, Robert L M | B-16 Aug 1925 TX | D-               | M-18 Jun 1948 TX | 12401- SULLIVAN, Betty  | B-21 Dec 1927 TX | D-               |
| 12400- SULLIVAN, Alva E | B-10 Jan 1894 TX | D-15 Jan 1972 TX | M-28 Oct 1918 OK | 12399- MANN, Gladys     | B- 3 Feb 1900 TX | D-16 Feb 1995 TX |
| 12398- MANN, Edward L S | B- 5 Aug 1875 TX | D-19 Dec 1954 LA | M-14 Nov 1894 TX | 12397- MARSHALL, Mary R | B-20 Sep 1868 TN | D-11 Sep 1910 TX |
| 12396- MARSHALL, Robert | B-17 Apr 1842 TN | D-10 Mar 1924 TX | M-19 Nov 1867 TN | 12393- DAVIDSON, Jennie | B-27 Aug 1848 TN | D-13 Feb 1916 TX |
| 11600- DAVIDSON, Samuel | B-19 Apr 1812 TN | D-31 Dec 1870 TN | M-Abt 1846 TN    | 12392- MOSELY, Mary C   | B-Abt 1819       | D-Abt 1848 TN    |
| 9396 - DAVIDSON, Hugh L | B- 5 Jan 1768 NC | D-19 Sep 1841 TN | M-27 Aug 1796    | 9390 - VANCE, Jean      | B-30 Nov 1777 NC | D-12 Jan 1858 TN |
| 88 - VANCE, David       | B-Abt 1745 VA    | D- 1813 NC       | M-21 Sep 1775 NC | 89 - BRANK, Priscilla   | B- 1756 NC       | D- 1836 NC       |
| 74 - VANCE, Samuel I    | B-Abt 1716 Ire   | D-18 Aug 1778 VA | M-Abt 1734 VA    | 75 - COLVILLE, Sarah    | B-Abt 1715 Ire   | D-Aft 1792 VA    |

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| 12386- KELLY, Carl T    | B- 8 Apr 1905 AR | D-29 Sep 1970 AR | M-27 Dec 1930 AR | 12388- KELLY, Wanda J   | B- 7 Sep 1947 OR | D-               |
| 12385- KELLY, John M    | B-15 Jun 1867 AR | D-25 Jun 1915 AR | M-15 Mar 1904 AR | 12387- WALKER, Zola C   | B- 5 Jul 1909 AR | D-27 Dec 1988 AR |
| 12383- WHITAKER, Franci | B- 6 Nov 1855 AR | D- 6 Aug 1897 AR | M-24 Dec 1876    | 12384- WHITAKER, Nona   | B- 8 Feb 1878 AR | D-11 Jan 1970 AR |
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| 4167 - VANCE, William H | B-16 Jun 1787 PA | D-30 Sep 1860 MS | M- 1 May 1807 TN | 4185 - SINCLAIR, Milley | B- 4 Oct 1824    | D- 9 Nov 1887    |
| 4161 - VANCE, Patrick   | B- Ire           | D- 1803 TN       | M-10 Jul 1778 PA | 4174 - CAMPBELL, Elizab | B-31 Jan 1785 VA | D- 1825 TN       |
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| 12374- LAFOLLETTE, Late | B- 1901          | D- 1991          |                  | 12373- HATFIELD, Evelyn | B- 1901    | D- 1997       |
| 12372- SCHINDEL, Margar | B-Abt 1880       | D-               |                  | 12371- HATFIELD, Elliot | B- 1872    | D- 1932       |
| 12369- HATFIELD, Anders | B- 1839          | D- 1921          |                  | 12370- CHAFLIN, Levice  | B-         | D-            |
| 9592 - HATFIELD, Ephrai | B-11 Apr 1812 VA | D-30 Jun 1879 KY | M-28 Aug 1828 KY | 7350 - VANCE, Nancy A   | B- 1813 VA | D-            |
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| 12163- MARCK, William E | B-10 Jan 1907 OH | D-26 Feb 1983 FL | M- 1 Jun 1933 OH | 12162- GIRTON, Mildred  | B-20 Sep 1907 OH | D-14 Aug 1986 OH |
| 12160- GIRTON, Charles  | B-20 Apr 1880 IN | D- 3 Mar 1941 OH | M-28 Nov 1901 IN | 12161- PETERS, Mary M   | B-24 Nov 1881 IN | D-31 Mar 1951 OH |
| 12159- GIRTON, William  | B-24 Feb 1846 IN | D-27 Oct 1902 IN | M- 5 Apr 1874 IN | 12158- BELL, Mary C     | B-17 Feb 1854 IN | D- 6 Aug 1937 OH |
| 12431- BELL, William H  | B-17 Jan 1830 KY | D-12 Mar 1907 TN | M-25 Nov 1852 IN | 12432- CUSTER, Nancy E  | B-11 Sep 1835 TN | D- 9 Nov 1918 OH |
| 12157- BEALL, Thomas    | B-Abt 1802 KY    | D-Abt 1870 IN    | M-11 Nov 1828 KY | 12156- WHALEY, Mary     | B-Abt 1803 KY    | D-Abt 1830 KY    |
| 12155- WHALEY, Benjamin | B- 1760 VA       | D- 7 Sep 1833 KY | M-Abt 1785 PA    | 4128 - VANCE, Jane      | B- 1765          | D-               |
| 251 - VANCE, John       | B-Abt 1730 VA    | D- 1778 PA       | M- VA            | 252 - WHITE, Margaret   | B- VA            | D- PA            |
| 2040 - VANCE, John      | B- 1699 Ire      | D-Abt 1760 VA    | M- 1721          | 2041 - UNK, Elizabeth   | B- Ire           | D-Aft 1760       |

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| 181 - CORLEY, James L  | B-25 Nov 1905 MS | D-14 Aug 1987 MS | M-21 Dec 1924    | 182 - VANCE, Edna L    | B-30 Jun 1905 MS | D-30 Jan 1991 MS |
| 183 - VANCE, William E | B-16 Oct 1867 MS | D-15 Jul 1939 MS | M-20 Dec 1885    | 184 - HARBIN, Margaret | B-11 Mar 1870 MS | D-10 Nov 1932 MS |
| 185 - VANCE, William M | B- 1820 SC       | D- 1895 MS       | M-14 Dec 1843 MS | 186 - LOTT, Martha     | B- 1827 SC       | D- 1901 MS       |
| 187 - VANCE, John P    | B- 1795 SC       | D- 1863 MS       |                  | 188 - MCNULTY, Isabell | B- 1795 SC       | D- MS            |
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| 12389- VANCE, William R | B- 1907 WI       | D-               |  |                         |                  |                  |
| 6629 - VANCE, John L    | B-18 Jan 1862 WI | D- WI            |  |                         |                  |                  |
| 6541 - VANCE, William   | B-18 Feb 1820 OH | D-13 Dec 1900 WI |  | 6540 - WALLACE, Margare | B-19 Jan 1824 IN | D-16 Dec 1894 WI |

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| 12494- MCNEELY, William | B-15 May 1911    | D-26 Apr 1984 OH | M-12 Sep 1931 WV | 12495- MILAM, Virginia  | B-21 Jan 1911 WV | D-            |
| 12492- MCNEELY, Charles | B- 1880 WV       | D- WV            | M-25 Dec 1906 WV | 12493- FARRIS, Luvenia  | B- 1889 WV       | D-            |
| 12491- MCNEELY, Lafayet | B- Dec 1850      | D-               | M- 1878          | 12490- FARMER, Sarah    | B- Mar 1859      | D-            |
| 12489- FARMER, L B      | B- 1830          | D-               |                  | 12488- MCCLOUD, Malinda | B- 1832          | D-            |
| 12487- MCCLOUD, John    | B- 1803          | D-               |                  | 7349 - VANCE, Sarah     | B- 1811          | D-            |
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| 12426- NORWOOD, Emmett B-  | 1896             | D- 1973          |               | 12428- CARNEY, Jessie   | B- 1908          | D- 1995          |
| 12424- NORWOOD, Jeffers B- | 1863             | D- 1928          |               | 12425- VANCE, Sally E   | B- 1869          | D- 1950          |
| 11929- VANCE, James H      | B-12 May 1840 MS | D-16 Jan 1915    | M- 8 Oct 1854 | 11930- DUNN, Clearisa E | B-14 Jan 1840    | D-22 Aug 1884    |
| 1295 - VANCE, James        | B- 1814 SC       | D-18 Oct 1882 MS |               | 1296 - SPENCER, Elizabe | B-30 Jun 1818 AL | D-15 Nov 1852 MS |
| 1297 - VANCE, William      | B- 1786 SC       | D- 1844 MS       |               | 1298 - MCANULTY, Mary G | B- 1784          | D- 1863 MS       |
| 189 - VANCE, James A S     | B-Abt 1755       | D-Aft 1821 SC    | M-Abt 1779    | 5061 - UNK,             | B-               | D-               |

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| 12474- VANCE, Christoph | B- 1 May 1962 WA | D-               | M- 1987          | 12475- POWERS, Annmarie | B- 1962 MA       | D-               |
| 12473- VANCE, William W | B-29 Mar 1927 KY | D-               |                  | 12478- PETERSON, Jill S | B- 1932 WI       | D-               |
| 397 - VANCE, Eugene C   | B-               | D- KY            |                  | 398 - WILSON, Ethel L   | B- 3 Aug 1891 KY | D- FL            |
| 399 - VANCE, Pleasant   | B-26 Nov 1852 KY | D- KY            |                  | 400 - MITCHELL, Martha  | B- KY            | D-               |
| 401 - VANCE, Richard    | B-27 Feb 1820 KY | D-               | M-19 Feb 1847    | 402 - HALL, Lucy        | B- 1825 KY       | D-               |
| 403 - VANCE, John       | B-28 May 1796 KY | D-15 Jun 1865    | M-23 Mar 1818 KY | 404 - HUDSON, Nancy     | B-11 Nov 1800 VA | D-10 Sep 1879 KY |
| 405 - VANCE, William    | B-Abt 1760 VA    | D- 5 Feb 1831 KY | M-15 Dec 1785 KY | 406 - WOOLDRIDGE, Fran  | B-Abt 1764 VA    | D-Aft 1831       |
| 407 - VANCE, Alexander  | B-Abt 1732 VA    | D-Bef 24 Dec KY  |                  | 408 - UNK,              | B- 1743          | D-               |

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| 12292- VANCE, Thomas C | B-10 Dec 1955 UT | D-               | M-16 Apr 1993 UT | 12312- OVER, Lesley G   | B-10 Feb 1965 UT | D-               |
| 12290- VANCE, Lloyd T  | B- 2 Dec 1919 UT | D-               | M- 3 Feb 1946 UT | 12291- CHRISTENSEN, Cly | B- 6 May 1919 UT | D- 5 Jan 1997 UT |
| 12288- VANCE, Thomas E | B-14 Nov 1882 UT | D- 5 Feb 1959 UT | M-10 Oct 1917 UT | 12289- PETERSEN, Sarah  | B- 8 Jun 1891 UT | D- 2 Apr 1966 UT |
| 12286- VANCE, Isaac W  | B-11 Mar 1852 UT | D-29 Apr 1928 UT | M-15 Jan 1872 UT | 12287- GARLICK, Elizabe | B-24 Jul 1852 UT | D- 7 Aug 1928 UT |
| 2408 - VANCE, Isaac Y  | B-18 Dec 1818 TN | D-11 Mar 1898 UT | M-21 Sep 1840 IL | 2854 - YEAGER, Martha E | B-30 Mar 1822 KY | D- 6 Jun 1867 UT |
| 2409 - VANCE, John     | B- 8 Nov 1794 TN | D-24 Jan 1882 UT | M- TN            | 2855 - PERKINS, Sarah L | B-11 Jan 1801 SC | D-18 Dec 1836 IL |
| 1608 - VANCE, James    | B- 3 Sep 1764 PA | D- 7 Oct 1835 IL | M-28 Jan 1782    | 1888 - RENO, Margaret   | B-21 Sep 1762    | D-16 Oct 1850 IL |
| 1889 - VANCE, Samuel   | B-10 Dec 1728 PA | D-               | M- 1750          | 1890 - PENQUITE, Agnes  | B-16 May 1730 PA | D-               |

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| 12063- VANCE, Stanley A | B- 1915          | D-               |                  | 9812 - JACO, Willie S   | B- 3 May 1888 | D-22 Jun 1975    |
| 9803 - VANCE, Henry A   | B- 6 May 1887    | D-23 Nov 1960    | M- 2 Dec 1997 TX | 9799 - HARPER, Susan B  | B-31 Mar 1856 | D-23 Feb 1916    |
| 9791 - VANCE, George L  | B-20 May 1853 MS | D- 2 Feb 1928 TX | M- 3 Dec 1874    | 1928 - PORTER, Elizabet | B-15 Jul 1832 | D- 9 Mar 1910 MS |
| 1927 - VANCE, John D    | B- 1829 AL       | D- 7 Aug 1897 MS | M-23 Dec 1847 MS | 188 - MCNULTY, Isabell  | B- 1795 SC    | D- MS            |
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# Q u e r i e s

I am searching for descendents of **Richard W. Vance** (b. OH 1836-?) and **Sarah Hill** m. in Allen Co., OH 1860. Their children were **John O.**, **Clara**, **Ben F.**, **William O.**, **Ida**, & **Cora**. The family was residing in Allen Co. in 1880. Any help will be appreciated.

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Seeking information about my great grandfather, **John W. Vance's** family. **John W. Vance** was born 1848 in MO. He died aft 1891 in Marlow Grove, Indian Territory, OK. **John's** father was **David Vance** born 1819 in TN. **John's** mother was **Mary Warwick Freeman** born 1816 in NJ.

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My gggrandfather was **J. Harvey Vance**. He was born Jan 22 or 29, 1823. He died May 23, 1905 possibly in Lexington, KY He married **Georgia Ann?** b March 20, 1821. Their children were **Matilda Vance Sagour** (sp) d. May 13, 1907, **Eliza** d. March 26, 1914, **James P. Vance** d. April 2, 1925, **Ella** d. March 6, 1926, **Etta** d. Nov. 1, 1939, and my ggmother **Lummie Vance Wheeler** d. Nov 14, 1940 at the age of 80, in Fresno, CA. **Lummie** was married to **Warren Albert Wheeler** in Lexington, KY Sept. 4, 1879. Would appreciate any help on this line. Thanks in advance

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Need information on **Joseph Vance** listed on the 1787 Tax List of Rockbridge County VA., how does he connect to **Patrick Vance** of Rockbridge?

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I would like to identify the **Agnes Vance** b. 7 Dec 1853 in either TN, AR or LA. m bef 1888, **Herbert Leigh Bugg** in Lawrence Co., AR. Their marriage certificate states her name as **Mrs. Agnes V. Williams**. One clue I have is that she had a brother-in-law, **C. P. Williams**. In 1869, his wife, her sister, **Lucy**, died; did she marry **C. P.**? Also, I need information on **Frances Winchester** b. 1827 in TN or LA, d. 1867 in TN. She may have been Creek or Cherokee Indian from TN. **Frances** is the mother of **Agnes Vance**.

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**Rebecca Vance Lowe** (b abt 1801) is my gr-gr-grandmother. I'm looking for her parents and where she was born. She married **Joseph Lowe** of Logan County, WV/VA they had 10 children that I know of. According to the 1850 Census she was born in 1801.

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Looking for further info on **Alanson Vance** Need birth,death,and marriage dates on his sons **George S** , and **Woodruff M**. Thanks for any help given.

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I am trying to locate information on a **Martha Vance** who was born in Clay Co. Missouri on 9-18-1837 and died 11-25-1920. She married a **Zephaniah Spiers** and had at least one daughter named **Nancy Catherine** . I am trying to research my family and am hoping I can find out any info. on **Martha Vance** to give me a few leads. Thank you.

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## *President's Letter*

Dear Friends;

Welcome to 2005

We are in the continuation of the 21<sup>st</sup> year of the Vance Family Association. As I was thinking of this letter and the past year of 2004, and the good and not-so-good that had occurred, the good won. We were so fortunate to have the last two issues of the newsletter containing historical information and pictures of the Vance history. We hope to have another announcement about the future, of the past, (think about it), perhaps as soon as the May issue. Enough said.

I want to stress the importance and benefit of us getting together often to share our friendship and research. We can share and compare our discoveries of our genealogy research. We may seek help from others for our areas that we have problems, or have had less success than others in our research. Everyone has walls or voids that we run into when tracing our family tree. Don't be reluctant to reveal your problem, because we have some members who have had the same or similar problem and would be happy to help. We have many talented members of the VFA who started their research before the association was formed. Some have written books that include their families, which may connect to one of us. We have bought two of them personally. I started putting my family information together about 50 years ago. I should have an encyclopedia by now but I didn't apply my time efficiently, so now I will promise to do more and better that the VFA members may benefit from my research efforts.

Please review the information that Linda and Betty have included in this newsletter about the St. Louis meeting. **YOU WON'T BE DISAPPOINTED BY ATTENDING THIS ONE!** Elizabeth and I went to St. Louis last spring and met Betty Silfies to organize parts of this meeting for October. It is home turf for Betty and she is doing a great job of putting everything together. We stayed at a Drury hotel and found it to be very clean and the personnel were friendly and helpful. The breakfast was delicious and plentiful, and included in the room price (worth at least \$10 each person). The Drury Plaza hotel is promising us river view rooms if we register early. This view includes the Arch and the river. The first to register is our Editor, Linda Garman. I couldn't let her outdo me too much, so I have made our reservation now.

Please continue to send articles for the Newsletter to Linda as she is getting low on quantity. She does a terrific job and your contributions are a large part of it. This is a

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way to share some of your accomplishments in your research. If only one person can use the information, it is worth the effort to reveal it. All of us enjoy reading all of the articles in the NL.

We have been functioning smoothly with just a few wrinkles, thanks to the efforts of everyone. If you have any comments, ideas, or suggestions for the VFA, send them to me. I'm still putting Database material together and thank all of you who have sent information to me. I felt it was getting slow until I talked to Bruce Vance, he told me it took thousands of hours for the first one to be assembled. Volunteers are still being accepted.

We still need some names of volunteers to run on the ballot for offices in the VFA. These should be included in a newsletter ballot no later than August, as the ballots will be counted before the October meeting, at which time the newly elected take over. Please contact me by phone, email or letter and I will respond to you. If you would like to help in any way please let me know.

What can we do for you?

Sincerely,

*Charles Vance*

**LOOK OUT ST. LOUIS -**  
**HERE COME THE VANCES!**  
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THE DRURY PLAZA HOTEL  
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**PLEASE REGISTER EARLY!**

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The Drury is *on the waterfront* across the street from the world famous Gateway Arch, the Museum of Western Expansion, and near the Old Courthouse. The hotel is the restored International Fur Trading Company warehouse, which at one time, was the largest in the world! It is approximately 12 miles from Lambert St Louis International Airport (sorry, no shuttle service), and within walking distance of MANY local attractions!

Use code: "Vance Family Association" for discounted room rate of \$99.00 (+ taxes). INCLUDES: a HOT breakfast of fresh fruit, scrambled eggs, biscuits and gravy, sausage, Belgian waffles and pancakes, bagels, pastries, juices, hot and cold cereal, toast, milk, coffee, tea, and much more! Other amenities include free local phone calls, one hour of free long distance calls, guest laundry, exercise room, indoor pool, and two whirlpools, 24-hour business center, free wireless internet access in the lobby, and guest pantry. Guest rooms feature free high-speed internet access, microwaves, refrigerators, irons and ironing boards, hairdryers, coffeemakers, and voicemail. Rooms are single, double, triple or quad at the same rate. Call hotel by September 1, BUT ROOMS WITH A RIVER VIEW HAVE BEEN PROMISED FOR EARLY BOOKING. Limited covered parking is available at \$10.00 per night plus tax.

The registration fee includes a river boat cruise with box lunch, 2 dinners, and other activities. The box lunch sandwich will be either ham, chicken salad, or turkey salad. You will need to indicate your choice on the registration form. There will be time for you to sightsee on your own, including the Arch. If you have a National Park Service Golden Passport you will receive a discount on your Arch visit.

Our tentative schedule: Friday afternoon - city tours, Friday evening - dinner at the Spaghetti Factory. Saturday afternoon - boat cruise on the Mississippi with box lunch, and a guided tour of the Old Courthouse.

St. Louis is a good place for genealogical research even if you don't have people from that area.

The St. Louis County Library is a repository for the library of the National Genealogical Society.

The St. Louis Public Library has a huge history and genealogy room with a microfilm collection of census records of all the eastern half of the U.S. and some western states. It also holds most of the records of the St. Louis Genealogical Society.

The Missouri Historical Society is a great resource for Missouri history.



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**October 13-16, 2005**

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(Please photocopy this form for names other than spouse)

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Box lunch choice: Ham salad \_\_\_\_\_ Chicken salad \_\_\_\_\_ Turkey salad \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to: "VFA" or "Vance Family Association"  
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For questions contact **Betty Silfies**, 3023 Livingston St. Allentown, PA. 18104  
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### THE CAMERON FAMILY

Submitted by Carolyn Scott  
From an article written in 1895

The first of this family who came to America was Dr. John Cameron, son of Cameron of Fasifern, a grandson of Sir Evan Dhu Cameron, and nephew of Lochiel, the last chief of the Cameron clan. One of Campbell's best poems, "Lochiel," describes Sir Lochiel just before his defeat at the battle of Culloden.

The Camerons were Catholics and embraced with eagerness the cause of the Pretender. The Pretender was a son of James II, of England. He was born after his father was dethroned. After his father's death in 1701, he was declared by the French King, the rightful King of England, and was called in France, the "Chevalier St. George," in England, "the Pretender." Some people in England, and particularly in Scotland, took up the Pretender's cause from time to time and many lives were sacrificed, and much misery occasioned. It was in the reign of George the Second that the Pretender made his last appearance. Being an old man by that time he, and the Jacobites (as his friends were called) put forward his son Charles Edward, known as the young Pretender. He was called the young chevalier. The Highlanders of Scotland espoused his cause. He joined them, and there was a Scottish rebellion to make him King, in which many noble and gallant men lost their lives. The battle of Culloden was fought April 1746 and the Scotch were terribly defeated. It was a hard matter for the Pretender to escape abroad again with a high price on his head, but the Scottish people were very faithful to him and after undergoing many romantic adventures, he escaped to France.

Dr. John Cameron carried the colors of his clan at the battle of Culloden. After the defeat of the Scotch, a number of his relations with many prominent persons who were engaged in the rebellion were taken to London and executed. Dr. Cameron made his escape on a Spanish vessel to Spain. He soon went to the West Indies and was there a short while; he then went to New York City.

In New York he met his wife and married her. She was a widow, Mrs. Margaret Murry, whose maiden name was Margaret McBarron. Her first husband was a wealthy merchant who had come from Liverpool to New York. She had two daughters by her first marriage, Sarah and Mary Murry. She was a native of Ireland, of Scotch descent, and a member of the Presbyterian Church.

Dr. Cameron came to Norfolk, Virginia, soon after his marriage, and there his two children were born. Charles Edward, his eldest son, was born February 22, 1753, and his son, George Hugh, was several years younger but do not know the exact date of his birth. Charles Cameron was named for the young Pretender. He was first named George Hugh. When he was several years old his father gave a dinner to some Scotch gentlemen who had fought for the Pretender and they became so excited over their wine that his father sent for a Catholic priest and had him baptized the second time, and named him for their beloved Prince, Charles Edward, the last of the Stuarts who claimed the crown of Scotland.

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Dr. John Cameron lived in Norfolk until his son Charles was six years of age; he then moved his family to Staunton, Virginia. After the rebellious Scotch subjects were pardoned they could return to Scotland and take possession of their property. Dr. Cameron sailed for Scotland expecting to recover his property and return and live in Virginia, but he was lost at sea. His son Charles knew that his father had a large estate in Scotland, that he inherited a good estate, and that his father's uncle, and so many relations were executed, and that if he had lived to recover his property he would have owned an immense estate that went to the English crown. Charles Cameron was a child at his father's death and had nothing to prove that he had a right to the estate in Scotland. He clerked in a store in Staunton when he was a boy, and a few years later went to the Mossy Creek Iron Works to keep store and to book keep for Henry Miller, who owned and built the first iron works in the Valley of Virginia. When he was very young, nineteen I think, he married Mr. Miller's daughter Nancy. His wife died about six months after their marriage.

In 1774 he and his brother George were at the battle of Point Pleasants and, just before the battle, as the battle was not expected so soon, he and some other soldiers were ordered to hunt to get meat for the soldiers.

When they returned the battle was over and his brother George, and his brother-in-law, Col. Charles Lewis, were killed. Col. Charles Lewis' wife was Sarah Murry, a half sister of Charles and George Cameron. George Cameron was very tall and dark, with dark hair and eyes, and a very prominent forehead, strikingly like his father. When he was a child his playmates would tell him that if an Indian would shoot him he would be shot in the forehead as it was so prominent.

When his brother Charles found him among the slain, he did have a bullet hole in his forehead. Col. Charles Lewis was a brother of General Andrew Lewis who was commander at Point Pleasants. Charles Cameron served through the Revolution as a Lieutenant, and was at the surrender at York Town.

In Peyton's "History of Augusta County," Charles Cameron is mentioned as one of the "gentlemen Justices of Augusta County" in 1790.

On December 14, 1790, the counties of Bath and Pendleton were formed from Augusta. He received a grant of land in Bath County for services in the Revolution, and must have gone to Bath to live about the time the county was formed. He added to the grant and had a magnificent estate. He built a stone house, one of the handsomest in the county at that time. He was the first clerk of Bath County and served as clerk of both Courts a number of years.

His nephew, Charles L. Francisco, so long clerk of Bath, succeeded him. Mr. Cameron's office was over a stone spring house near this residence where he first kept the legal records over a hundred years ago.

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The spring house is still in a good state of preservation. He became a militia Colonel soon after the Revolution. When Gen. La Fayette visited America, Col. Cameron went with the old soldiers to welcome him. General La Fayette presented Col. Cameron with a handsome gold-headed cane as a token of friendship and esteem, which he used until his death. Col. Cameron married his second wife, Rachel Primrose Warwick, when he was 40 years of age in 1793. She was born March 13, 1772. Her father was Jacob Warwick, and her mother's maiden name was **Mary Vance**. Rachel was named for her mother's mother whose name was Rachel Primrose. She was born in what is now Pocahontas County, West Virginia, at that time Augusta County, Virginia. Her parents were among the earliest settlers of that part of the country and may be regarded as the founders of the Presbyterian church in that region. They owned a fine estate which they appropriated generously to the support of the Gospel.

The house of Mr. Warwick, as was also that of his daughter, was not only a house but a place of public worship for the first preachers sent by the Presbyterian church to that part of the country. Mrs. Cameron, very early in life, made a profession of religion and connected herself with the Presbyterian church at Windy Cove. Supported by her kind and liberal husband, her house became what that of her parents' had been. She labored faithfully and gave generously for the support of the ministry and church of her fathers. At the time of her death there were ministers living who spoke in strong terms of the important service rendered by her to them, and the cause of Christ, in the beginning of their ministry. She was literally one of those women who labored with them in the Gospel.

She was the mother of three children, two dying in infancy, and her son, Col. A. W. Cameron, was the only child she raised. After the death of their two little children they were childless for some years. Col. Cameron and his wife adopted two nephews, Andrew Gatewood, a son of Mrs. Cameron's sister, and Charles Francisco who was a son of Col. Cameron's half sister, Mary Murry, who married Mr. Francisco. They intended to give their nephews their property, but when these boys had lived with them ten years their son Andrew Warwick Cameron was born, June 6, 1806. They provided liberally for their nephews. They educated them, and Mrs. Cameron gave her nephew Andrew Gatewood, who was a physician, a farm in Pocahontas County and Col. Cameron gave his nephew Charles Francisco a farm in Bath County.

Mr. Charles Francisco used to say of his Aunt, Mrs. Cameron, that "Her affectionate heart appeared to embrace all the children of want around her, and her house was open as her heart for the accommodation of all who needed and desired her help." They raised no less than five or six nephews or nieces, besides several others who were in no way related to them. Col. Cameron died at his home, "Fasifern," in Bath County, June 14, 1826, in the 77th year of his age. He always said that he was like his mother in personal appearance. He was about the middle height, his eyes blue, and his complexion fair, his hair brown until touched with years. In old age he was quite bald but his teeth were sound to his dying day. He was a citizen without reproach, a brave soldier, one of the best husbands and fathers, and well may his descendants cherish the memory of this noble ancestor. His wife, who was much younger, lived many years after her husband's death. She was thrown from a horse when she was thirty-six years of age, her hip was broken, so she was always lame afterwards and had to use a cane. After her

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husband's death she always used his cane, the gift of Gen. La Fayette. Col. Cameron's only son, Andrew Warwick Cameron, was a man of liberal education and a great reader. He went to school at the Warm Springs to Mr. Cutchfield who was a fine teacher, and then to Rev. Dr. John Hendren of Augusta County who was one of the best teachers of his day. He then finished his education at the University of Virginia. When he was at Dr. Hendren's school, he met his first wife. She was Margaret Grattan Miller, a daughter of Capt. Samuel Miller who owned the Mossy Creek Iron Works. She was a niece of his father's first wife and a strong friendship had always existed between Col. Charles Cameron and his first wife's family. Capt. Samuel Miller was one of the wealthiest and most prominent businessmen of his day. He was Presidential Elector on the Clay Ticket in 1832. When Mr. Cameron first met Margaret Miller she was a little schoolgirl of 13 and he a schoolboy of 17. He always said that he loved her then and married her when she was 18 and he was 22. They were married January 25, 1828. Her mother's maiden name was Margaret Grattan, daughter of John Grattan who was one of the first trustees of Washington College. Mr. Cameron's first wife died April 13, 1829, aged 19 years. She was a devoted, gentle Christian woman and was remarkable for her beautiful person, as well as her lovely character. She is described as being medium in height with brilliant black eyes and hair. She had a brilliant color and a fair brunette complexion. She left an infant daughter, Margaret Grattan Miller Cameron. Mr. Cameron married the second time, May 1832. His wife was Ellen McCue Hyde. Her father was Mr. John Hyde who was high Sheriff of Rockbridge County, and her mother's maiden name was Sallie Crawford and she was from Augusta County. Mr. Cameron became a militia Colonel when he was a young man and was always called Col. Cameron. He represented his county in the Virginia Legislature a number of times. In 1840 he moved his family to Rockbridge County where he owned a fine estate. His mother, Mrs. Rachel Cameron, always lived in a separate house until they moved to Rockbridge. She was then too old to live alone and she spent the remainder of her life with her son under whose roof she closed her long and useful life in a peaceful and happy death. For many months previous to her death she was closely confined to her bed and suffered much pain, but a more uncomplaining sufferer was never seen. She retained her mental powers to the last and spoke frequently and always peacefully of her approaching end. She had a remarkable knowledge of the scripture and quoted them with great fluency and accuracy. She was wholly free from bigotry but loved her own church with sacred tenderness. She died December 6, 1858, aged 86 years. She raised her son's eldest daughter who always spoke of her grandmother with the greatest tenderness and veneration. She always thought her grandmother the best, truest Christian and the noblest and most perfect character she had ever known.

When the war commenced, Col. Cameron was too delicate and had passed the age for service. He had four sons in the Confederate army. He was always anxious about his boys and would say that so many of his Scotch ancestors had died in battle that he had always had a presentiment that he would not die a natural death himself and felt that his sons might meet death on the battlefield.

Just after the battle of Manassas he rode to Lexington to hear the news from the battle. A large number of persons had collected in front of the hotel all eagerly waiting for the mail. When the

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stage came up, one of the passengers in the act of taking from it a Minnie Rifle, struck it in some way against the seat, causing a discharge by which Col. Cameron was immediately killed and William McClung mortally wounded, he was 16 years old. Mr. William Smith of the Virginia Military Academy was slightly wounded in the wrist. William McClung lingered for several days and died. Col. Cameron died July 18, 1861, in the 55th year of his age. He was one of the largest land and slave owners in Virginia. He had splendid property in Rockbridge, Bath, Pocahontas, and Webster Counties. He was a loving, thoughtful, devoted husband, a wise and affectionate father, a true friend, and a kind and considerate master. He thought it wrong to buy or sell Negroes but thought it his duty to take care of the slaves he had inherited. He was a man of great family pride. He did not boast to strangers, but instilled it into his children that it was a great privilege and blessing to have a gentle and honorable ancestry. He was a tall man, over six feet, his features regular, his hair brown, and his eyes dark. He was a little bald but had a lovely set of teeth. His hands and feet were remarkably small. His wife still survives him and has lived to a green old age.

She was born April 22, 1814, and is now 81 years of age. She was a great beauty in her youth and has always been admired and loved for her sweet, gentle disposition and her lovely Christian character. It can be said of her, "That her children rise up and call her blessed."

Maria Boys Cochran Sterrett

#### **SIR EVAN DHU CAMERON**

The seventeenth of the house Lochiel was born at the castle of Kilchurn, the residence of the family of his mother, the Campbells of Glenorchy. From his 12th to his 19th year he was under the care of the Earl of Argyle, by whom he was educated. At 18 he took command of the Clan Cameron, which he gallantly led in many expeditions.

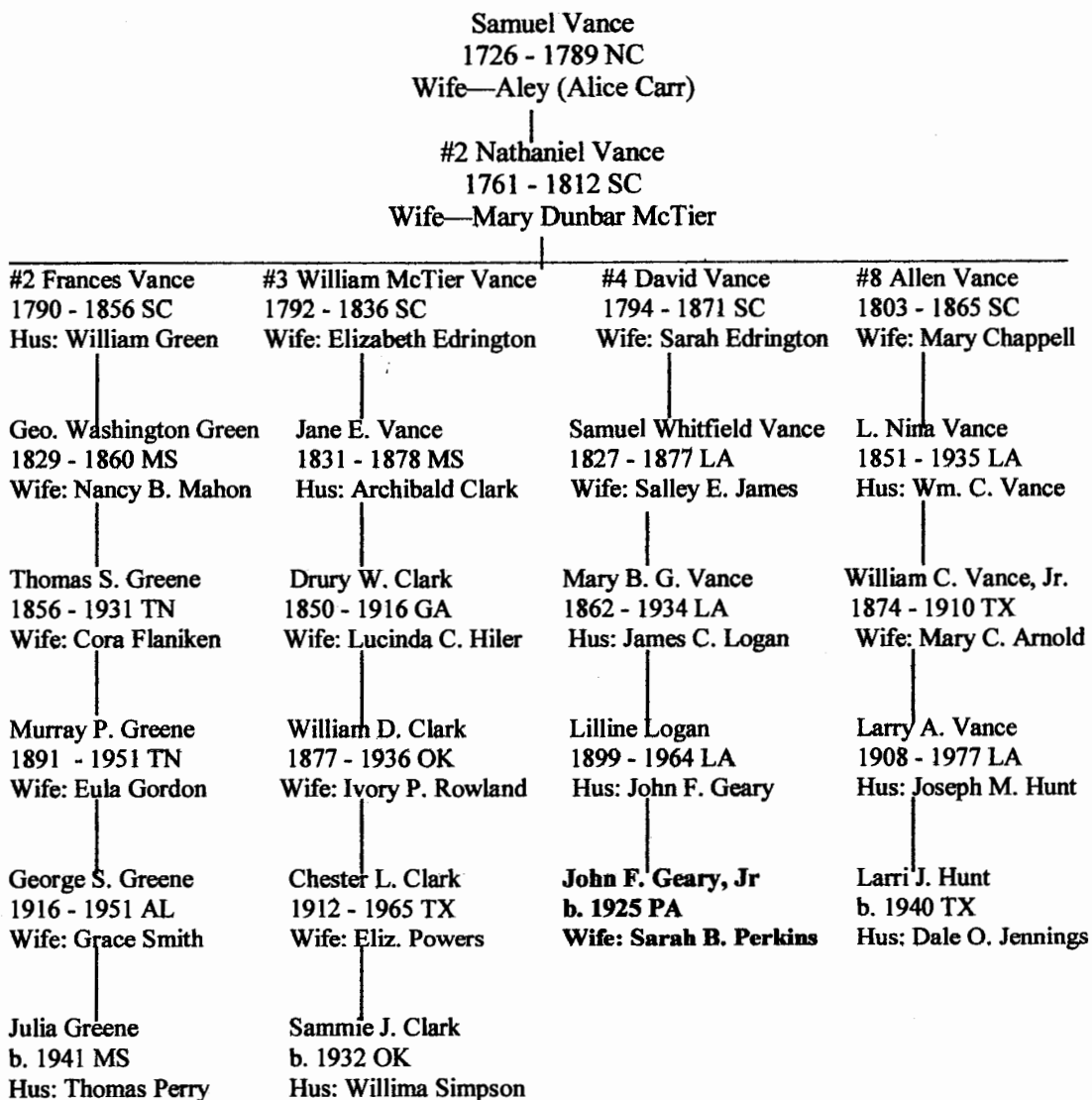
At an early age he espoused the Stuart cause, being the last person to hold out against General Monck in the north. He took a distinguished part at Killcrankie, which victory was largely due to him. He gave over command of the clan in 1696 to his eldest son, John, but lived to the age of ninety years, dying in 1719. He was g-g-g-g-g-g-g grandson of Robert III, King of Scotland, and great-great-grandfather of Col. Charles Edward Cameron of Fasisferne, Virginia.

He was married three times, Charles Edward being descended from the second wife, Isabel, daughter of Sir Lachlan Maclean of Duart.

### SEARCHING FOR ZEBULON VANCE CONNECTION

John Geary of McLean Virginia was told by a cousin that they were related to Zebulon Vance. To this date he has not been able to make that connection. John has all the newsletters but if you have any further information please contact him.

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## THE PREMATURE DEMISE OF MISS MOLLIE VANCE

Submitted by Larri and Dale Jennings

To paraphrase an old adage, you can't believe anything you read, and only half of what you see. A case in point is an obituary notice appearing in the February 16, 1884 *Shreveport Times*:

### DIED

Vance - At Buckhall plantation, Bossier Parish, of hereditary heart disease, on Monday, the 11th inst. Miss Mollie Vance, Aged 20 years, the only daughter of the late Dr. S. W. Vance and Mrs. S. E. Vance.

We extend our deepest and most heartfelt sympathies to the bereaved mother and relatives of the deceased.

The matter was cleared up for the *Times* readership by the perplexed editor the next day. The February 17th edition carried this:

A SENSELESS JEST. Our notice in yesterday morning's issue of the death of Miss Mollie Vance was prompted by the receipt of a notice by mail of the demise of Miss Vance and the funeral notice was the substance of the card received. The notice was on a slip of commercial note paper, written in a delicate female style of chirography and addressed to the Editor of the Times. We received the communication in good faith and published it, thinking it reliable. We have been imposed upon but are sincerely and heartily glad to discover that our announcement of Miss Vance's death was a mistake. She is alive and well, and in the enjoyment of good health. The perpetrator of the joke we trust has fully reaped the reward of his, or her smartness, and will doubtless feel much pleasure in the pangs excited in the breasts of anxious relatives and friends. We shall be pleased at any time to record the demise of the too previous perpetrator of so heartless and senseless a jest.

Mary Boutwell Gilmer (Mollie) Vance lived for another fifty years after the publication of her first obituary notice. Mollie was married to Mr. James Conway Logan in 1893 and would leave many descendants, to include a grandson, VFA member, John F. Geary. She died at her Cash Point plantation home, about a mile from her Buckhall birthplace, on October 5, 1934.

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### SIHON M. VANCE

William E. "Bill" Vance of Cheyenne, Wyoming submitted the following information with this notation...

"It seems funny that in a one hundred mile radius of Claiborne County Tennessee there were hundreds of Vances but no one's line has Sihon (Sion) which is Welch for "John."

Unknown Father b. Pennsylvania

Unknown Mother b. South Carolina

1 son, Patrick Vance b. 1800. No more info.

2 son, **Sihon M. Vance** b. 26 October 1802, Claiborne County Tennessee. d. 9 December 1893, Lewis County Missouri. m. Isabel Breeding 11 July 1822, Claiborne County Tennessee b. 1800, Virginia. d. 11 May 1855, Brown County Illinois. m. Martha (Patsy) Perry, 12 April 1856, Brown County Illinois.

#### Sihon's Obituary -

Died in Lewistown, Missouri., December 9, 1893. He was born in Claiborne County Tennessee October 26, 1802, making him 91 years 1 month 21 days old at death, was married to Miss Isabel Breeden July 11, 1822; she died May 11, 1855. He was married to Miss Martha Perry, his second wife, April 12, 1856, and she died April 1, 1876. He united with the Regular Baptist Church early in life and died in the faith. He came to Illinois in 1844, and moved to Missouri in 1888. He was the father of 9 children, 3 sons and 2 daughters living. He was paralyzed December 22, 1892. A good man has gone. Sihon was ordained March 31, 1866 but was chosen July 12, 1851 and served 15 years before his ordination Mt. Gilead Primitive Baptist Church in Brown County Illinois.

1. Eli Vance b. 1823 Claiborne County Tennessee. Went to Illinois.
2. James Vance b. 28 March 1827 Claiborne County Tennessee. d. 17 May 1902 Peru, Nemaha County Nebraska. m. Sarah Hardin 12 March 1854 Brown County Illinois. b. 9 April 1829, d. 20 April 1905.
  1. Selena Vance b. 10 December 1856 Brown County Illinois. d. 15 October 1915 Peru, Nebraska. m. James Hanlon b. 1857, d. 1934.
  2. Elizabeth Vance b. 1859 Brown County Illinois. m. Van Sickle.
  3. Celia Vance b. April 1861 Brown County Illinois. m. John H. Campbell 11 July 1883, b. December 1857.
    1. Lillie A. Campbell b. August 1886
    2. William Campbell b. March 1890
    3. Sarah Edith Campbell b. May 1893
    4. Frank Campbell b. June 1895
  4. Eli Berry Vance b. 27 August 1864 Springfield, Illinois. d. 12 February 1950 Jefferson County Nebraska. m. Claudia Carlisle 29 October 1890, Otoe County Nebraska. b. 1870, d. 11 May 1912. m. Mary Phelps 30 September 1913, b. 1867, d. 1929.
    1. Gladys Vance b. December 1894 Nemaha County Nebraska

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2. Elizabeth Vance b. August 1899 Nemaha County Nebraska
3. Margaret Vance
4. Mildred Vance
5. Doris Vance b. 1909
6. Calista Vance died in childhood
7. Richard Vance b. 13 December 1897, d. 5 November 1900 Nemaha County Nebraska.
8. Bartlett Lewis Vance b. 1904, d. 1958 in Nebraska. m. Margaret Jenkins.  
Loren Alan Vance b. 1934  
Judith L. Vance b. 1938
5. Sarah Jane Vance b. 1866 Brown County Illinois. m. Ili Lafayette Mallory  
11 August 1888 Nemaha County Nebraska. b. 11 July 1862, d. 30 March 1932.
6. Frank E. Vance b. May 1872 Peru, Nemaha County Nebraska.
  1. James P. Vance b. 1898 Nebraska. d. July 1985 Nebraska.
  2. Bessie S. Vance b. 1902 Nebraska
3. Bryant Breeden Vance b. 11 May 1829 Claiborne County Tennessee. d. 8 April 1906 Brown County Illinois. m. Almira Hill 22 September 1853, b. 25 November 1832, d. 17 September 1909.
  1. Charles William Vance b. 8 July 1856 Brown County Illinois. m. Martha M. McCoy
    1. Mable B. Vance b. 6 July 1880 Brown County Illinois. d. 11 June 1881 Brown County Illinois.
    2. Elmer Vance b. December 1882
    3. Bertie Vance b. August 1885
    4. Bertha Vance b. 1889
  2. Elizabeth Vance b. 7 December 1854 Brown County Illinois. d. 8 July 1856 Brown County Illinois
  3. Mary Vance b. 1858 Brown County Illinois
  4. Jonathan Vance b. 1861 Brown County Illinois. d. 1902 Lewis County Missouri
    1. George W. Vance b. 1883, d. 1948
    2. Ezra Allen Vance b. 14 April 1885, d. 7 March 1920 Adams County Illinois
    3. Dollie Abbie Vance b. 4 September 1887 Brown County Illinois, d. 15 January 1984, Adams County Illinois.
    4. Lila Vance b. 18 February 1889 Lewis County Missouri, d. October 1921 Illinois.
    5. Flossie E. Vance b. 6 March 1892 Lewis County Missouri, d. 27 October 1893 Lewis County Missouri
    6. Delmar Charles Vance b. 20 December 1893 Lewis County Missouri, d. 4 December 1954 Adams County Missouri

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5. Martha E. Vance b. 1865 Brown County Illinois
  6. Amanda F. Vance b. May 1871 Brown County Illinois
  4. Salena Vance b. 1831 Claiborne County Tennessee. d. 1894 Brown County Illinois.  
m. Griffith Carr 12 March 1865, b. 1832, d. 4 April 1900
    1. Joab Carr b. 5 September 1847 Brown County Illinois, d. 6 February 1929 Brown County Illinois.
    2. Mary E. Carr b. 14 June 1869 Brown County Illinois, d. 28 February 1895 Brown County Illinois
  5. William Vance b. 1835 Claiborne County Tennessee
  6. **Richard Sihon Vance** b. 24 July 1837 Claiborne County Tennessee, d. 1 February 1911 Peru, Nemaha County Nebraska. M. Mariah Hardin 24 August 1856, b. 21 August 1839, d. 18 February 1936.
    1. Thomas Edward Vance b. 20 August 1857 Brown County Illinois, d. 3 November 1947 Nemaha County Nebraska. m. Emaline Clemans.
      1. Josephine Vance b. November 1888.
      2. Marie Lucille Vance b. May 1898
    2. **James Alphous Vance** b. 27 August 1862, Nemaha County Nebraska. d. 23 November 1950, Goshen County Wyoming. m. Clara Robins.
      1. Dwight James Vance b. about 1894 Nemaha County Nebraska. d. 24 February 1899, Nemaha County.
      2. **Cecil Bradley Vance** b. 10 December 1898, Nemaha County Nebraska. d. 9 February 1942, Goshen County Wyoming. M. Carrie Stevens b. 27 February 1902, d. 8 March 1998.
        1. Opal Ruth Vance m. Dale Kemper
        2. Betty Jane Vance m. Harley Kelly
        3. Merry Louise Vance m. Charles Watson
        4. Josephine Verna Vance m. Albert Fuss
        5. Corrine Maxine Vance m. Orville Marienthal
        6. Leona Belle Vance m. Glen Dickinson
        7. Cecil James Vance m. Shirley Saathoff
        8. Allen Bradley Vance m. Ruth Smith
        9. Dwight Garvin Vance m. Elizabeth Gibbs
        10. **William Edward Vance** m. Wilda Brown
        11. Victor Amasa Vance m. Christina Moore
- All eleven children born in Hawk Springs, Goshen County, Wyoming and all living in 2004.
3. Ida M. Isabell Vance b. 3 May 1864 Nemaha County Nebraska.  
m. Nathan I. Cooper
    1. Emily Cooper
    2. Richard Cooper
  4. William Stacy Vance b. 3 September 1874 Nemaha County Nebraska. d. 20 September 1965 Nemaha County. m. Grace Inez Davidson.
    1. Stacy Freeman Vance b. 12 November 1898 Nemaha County, d. 4 January 1984, Nemaha County
    2. Merle Leone Vance b. 6 January 1901 Nemaha County

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- Nebraska. d. 18 April 1992 Nemaha County. m. Omer Hannaford
1. Grace Hannaford
  3. Robert LaMoyne Vance b. 20 January 1904 Nemaha County d. 29 May 1995 Dallas County Texas
  4. Reginald Laverne Vance b. 27 August 1908 Nemaha County d. 8 March 1992 Larimer County Colorado.
  5. Dr. Verne V. Vance b. 19 January 1878 Nemaha County Nebraska d. 1933 Nemaha County
  6. Bessie Leona Vance b. 22 July 1882 Nemaha County Nebraska, d. 1974, m. Ira Kizer
    1. Opal Kizer b. 1903 Nemaha County Nebraska. m. George Martin
      1. Laverne Martin
      2. Don Martin
    2. Emma Amy Kizer b. 1904 Nemaha County Nebraska
    3. Cecillia Kizer b. 1906 Nemaha County Nebraska
  7. Mary Polly Vance b. 27 September 1839 Claiborne County Tennessee, d. 8 April 1922 Peru, Nemaha County Nebraska. m. John F. Jackson
    1. Julia B. Jackson b. November 1879
3. John Vance b. 1804 Claiborne County Tennessee. m. Rachel Breeding. Brothers m. sisters.
1. Ellison Vance b. 14 July 1826 Claiborne County Tennessee, d. 1 December 1908 Adams County Illinois. m. 1) Susanna Davis. 2) Elizabeth Amen 6 June 1897, Adams County Illinois.
    1. William Preston Vance b. 5 September 1856 Brown County Illinois. d. 28 March 1932 Knox County Illinois, m. Ida Lincoln Buskirk.
      1. Mary M. Vance b. 5 December 1884 Brown County Illinois
      2. Sarah Vance b. 13 November 1886       "       "       "
      3. Margrett Vance b. 1 January 1891       "       "       "
      4. Bertha Vance b. 17 October 1892       "       "       "
    2. David A. Vance b. 9 August 1857 Brown County Illinois d. 10 August 1900
    3. Isabelle Vance b. 13 April 1859       "       "       " d. 18 February 1930
    4. Nancy E. Vance b. 11 May 1861       "       "       " d. 6 September 1932
    5. Rachel M. Vance b. 18 April 1863       "       "       " d. 10 December 1924
    6. Sara C. Vance b. 17 November 1867       "       "       " d. May 1924
    7. Ellison Ashford b. 10 April 1870       "       "       " d. May 1925.
      1. Virgiline Marie Vance
      2. Susie Vance
      3. Charlie Vance
      4. David Vance
  8. Cynthia E. Vance b. 7 June 1874 Adams County Illinois, d. 5 July 1965 Adams County, m. James Beaver
    1. Thomas Beaver
    2. Laura Beaver
  9. Elizabeth Vance b. 26 January 1876 Adams County Illinois

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10. Martha Ann Vance b. 29 April 1879 Brown County Illinois d. 14 May 1959  
Adams County Illinois m. Thomas Gooding.
    1. Clarence Edgar Gooding b. 2 May 1900 Adams County Illinois  
d. 26 October 1963
    2. Everett Gooding
    3. Raymond Gooding
    4. Alta Gooding
  2. Catherine Vance b. 1829 Claiborne County Tennessee
  3. Prior Lee Vance b. March 1831 Claiborne County, d. 27 June 1903 Brown County IL
    1. Paulina J. Vance b. 1850
    2. William C. Vance b. 1853
    3. S. Mariah Vance b. 1854
    4. Mary Cathleen Vance b. 1856
    5. Sarah E. Vance b. 1858
    6. Rowena A. Vance b. 1860
  4. Jane Vance b. 1806 Claiborne County Tennessee. m. Reuben Sellars 1834 Granger County Tennessee
    1. Sihon Vance Sellars b. 9 March 1824 Granger County Tennessee, d. 4 October 1904  
Brown County Illinois. m. Catherine Pettis Hosford
      1. Frank Luman Sellars b. 30 January 1863 Brown County Illinois.  
d. 29 January 1893
      2. Clara Elizabeth Sellars b. 1 March 1865 Brown County Illinois. d. 13 March  
1865 Brown County Illinois
      3. William Hinman Sellars b. 25 October 1867 Brown County Illinois.  
d. 8 November 1943 Davidson County South Dakota.
      4. Charles Wesley Sellars b. 3 June 1871 Brown County Illinois. d. 18 April  
1941 Brown County
      5. Henrietta Jane Sellars b. 6 July 1873 Brown County Illinois. d. 6 April 1874  
Brown County
      6. Sihon Servetus Sellars b. 14 January 1875 Brown County Illinois. d. 6 March  
1895 Chapin County Illinois
    2. Sorry Sellars b. 1836
  5. Amy H. Vance b. 13 November 1812 Claiborne County Tennessee. d. 17 August 1859
- VFA #5279 Sihon, 12994 Richard Sihon, 12996 James Alphous, 12998 Cecil Bradley

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## FIVE VANCE BROTHERS

By Dale Jennings

The January 2001 Vance Family Association Newsletter featured the family of Nathaniel and Mary McTeer Vance of South Carolina. Their eldest, Samuel, had only one son, James Kincaid. James and his first wife, Laurens Louisa Watson, had thirteen children. Of the ten who lived to maturity, five were boys. The oldest son saw service in the Civil War, as did their father. Their grandfather, Samuel Vance, served in the War of 1812, and his father Nathaniel was a soldier and patriot in the Revolutionary War. The five brothers received good educations and had professional careers, somewhat unusual for the agrarian post-Civil War South Carolina "Up Country." The three oldest were mentioned in Peter Wilson's 1927 book, "A Southern Exposure," as the "three Vance boys" in the "Southern boys group" that attended the University of Edinburgh in 1867. The brothers are all believed to have been born in Cokesbury, Abbeville County, South Carolina. No living descendants have been found, and no serious research seems to have been done on these Vances. The following brief biographical sketches offer glimpses of their fuller and possibly even more interesting life stories.

James Wistar Vance was born September 16, 1845. He attended the Cokesbury Conference School in Abbeville County and Arsenal Academy before attending the University of Edinburgh. James attended Arsenal Academy in Columbia in 1865. Arsenal was part of the state military academy system, and was attended by all freshmen cadets aspiring to attend the Citadel in Charleston as sophomores. The 1865 classes were activated for the war as the "Battalion of State Cadets." The Citadel cadets formed Company A and the Arsenal cadets Company B. The Arsenal superintendent, Captain John P. Thomas, commanded Company B and led his company in a skirmish with elements of General Stoneman's cavalry at Hendersonville, N.C. just over the state line from Greenville, S.C.) on April 23, 1865. This was said to have been the last fight of the war east of the Mississippi River. James obtained a medical degree and removed to Memphis, Tennessee, where he married Susan Shelby Vance on December 2, 1875. Susan was the daughter of William Little Vance and his wife, Letitia Hart Thompson, the ancestors of VFA member, Edith James. That Vance line went back through Samuel Vance I and Sarah Colville. If any of the contemporary Vances knew the relationship of the marrying couple, that knowledge has since been lost. It seems likely that their meeting might have been coincidental. Doctor Vance and his family are found back in Greenville, South Carolina, in 1880. The 1880 census shows Susan to be thirty years old and born in Kentucky. "Leta," their three-year-old daughter, was born in Tennessee, and William W., eight months old, was born in South Carolina. In all probability the Vances would have had more children, and Doctor Vance a long practice, but they cannot be found thereafter in South Carolina or elsewhere.

The second oldest brother, Samuel Watson, was born November 6, 1847. He also attended Arsenal Academy, Cokesbury Conference School and the University of Edinburgh, as well as South Carolina College, now the University of South Carolina. Samuel became a planter, insurance broker and state civil servant. He evidently never left South Carolina, the only brother to stay. He married Mazy Caroline Young November 21, 1871, when he was twenty-four and she was seventeen. The 1880 census finds the family in Hunter Township, Laurens County, and the 1900 census places them in Columbia, S.C. Their seven children were all shown to have

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been born in the state. They were Jesse K., Young H., Louise L., Lillie G., Norwood, Caroline C., and Frank G. Samuel Watson died on August 9, 1901.

William Washington Vance was born April 25, 1849. He attended the University of Edinburgh, but it is not known where he obtained his law degree. He practiced law in Greenville, S.C., with J. W. Gray as "Gray & Vance" from 1872 until 1879, when he went to Louisiana. Gray was probably J. Walter Gray, his future brother-in-law. "Will" and his two younger brothers were the third generation to migrate from South Carolina to Louisiana. The first was his grandfather's brother, Doctor James Washington Vance, in 1840. In the intervening years, no less than seven of his father's cousins made the move directly and individually from Laurens and Abbeville counties to Bossier Parish. William made his home in Bellevue, the Bossier Parish seat of government, where he entered practice in partnership with J. A. W. Lowry. He also acquired a considerable amount of property in the parish. He was elected to the state senate in 1886, and served until July 1888, when he was made State Assistant Attorney General. Will had been allied with state senators, John C. Vance, a cousin, and Murphy J. Foster, on many issues to include the fight against the Louisiana State Lottery. Foster was elected governor in 1892, and sometime during his double term, he persuaded his political and personal friend, Will Vance, to become his personal secretary. Will married Sydney Ballard in New Orleans December 6, 1892. They had two children, William Ballard Kincaid and Alice Shaw. About three years before his death in 1900, William bruised his leg. This developed into a cancer which would eventually cause his death. Treatment in New Orleans was not successful and he went to New York for specialized treatment. This was also unsuccessful and his leg was amputated, but to no avail. William Washington Vance died at his home in Baton Rouge on February 16, 1900.

Norwood Kincaid Vance, not to be confused with a cousin with the same name, was born September 19, 1858. Norwood received his medical degree from the University of Maryland in 1883. Doctor Vance followed his older brother Will to Bossier Parish, LA, where he practiced medicine at Willow Chute, Benton and Vanceville. He was the fifth and last of the Vance doctors to come to Bossier Parish from Laurens and Abbeville counties. He followed Will to Baton Rouge where he practiced for many years. In the fall of 1893, their father, in his seventieth year, came to Baton Rouge to visit his sons. He died shortly after his arrival and his body was taken back for burial in Greenville, S.C. In March 1900, following the death of his brother Will in February, Norwood returned to north Louisiana to practice in Shreveport. Norwood Kincaid died there a lifelong bachelor in 1906.

Not much is known about Frank Hampton, the youngest Vance brother. Little help was provided by the Greenwood, S.C. *The Index-Journal*, a major source of basic information for this article. Its "Our Old Roads" series, December 6, 1947 issue, told only that Frank was born May 23, 1863. Margaret Watson's 1982 book, *Greenwood County Sketches*, which relied heavily on "Our Old Roads," did provide the additional information that Frank "removed to Louisiana, and did not marry." Little trace can be found of Frank in Louisiana, but enough to verify his presence. In the early 1890's, Frank H. Vance had spacious ads in the Shreveport, Louisiana paper as State Agent for the Travelers' of Hartford, Connecticut, Life and Accident Insurance Company. He was involved in a civil lawsuit with the company over his commissions. He lost the suit and apparently left the area, and cannot be traced further. Anyone with further knowledge of any of these Vances is invited to share their information.

**FRANK VANCE, GENERAL MANAGER OF HIGHLAND GAMES,  
GRANDFATHER MOUNTAIN, NORTH CAROLINA**

Submitted by Margaret Vance Webb

**Frank Vance**, 58, Linville, North Carolina, was born in the shadow of Grandfather Mountain near Linville. Family history is bragging rights in this part of the country and his ancestors arrived in the hills of NC in 1778, just in time for the American Revolutionary War effort. He grew up with the games, which began in 1956, and said, "I haven't missed a one." He is the long time game organizer and the fellow people approach to get things done or undone.

From an article on the 2004 (49th) Grandfather Mountain Highland Games in the *Knoxville Tennessee News Sentinel*, the writer, Fred Brown, described Frank Vance as a "*spitting image of Civil War North Carolina Governor, Zebulon Vance, (a distant relative).*" Dressed in his tartan kilt, Frank was among the many Scots in skirts at the annual games and the ornate steel Wilkinson sword he carried was inscribed with the words "Victory or Death."

The Grandfather Mountain Highland Games is the granddaddy of highland games in the nation and attracts the largest gathering of Scottish clans anywhere on Earth. At the 2004 games more than 40,000 people attended. One gentleman observed, "There is nothing like this. Besides, where else in North America could you wear kilts in July? You will see more kilts here than in Scotland, and that's because most people can't afford to buy them in Scotland."

Linville and the office and grounds of the games was flooded 3 times in 3 weeks in September 2004 and the building was so contaminated it had to be burned. The organization is looking for donations to build again, in "Scottish style."

For more information:

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**THE VANCE TOE RIVER LODGE**

Less than 20 miles from the Highland Games is the **Vance Toe River Lodge**. Originally built in 1919 as the **T. B. VANCE** General Store it went through many owners, and abuse, until it was bought by the Young family. They worked hard and slowly transformed the building into the beautiful site it is now. For more information visit their website at [www.vancetoeriverlodge.com](http://www.vancetoeriverlodge.com) or write: Vance Toe River Lodge, P.O. Box 159, Plumtree, NC 28664.  
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## THE VANCES DOWN UNDER 100 MILES SOUTH OF SYDNEY IN NEW SOUTH WALES, AUSTRALIA

THIS ARTICLE WAS SENT TO LEON VANCE IN AUSTRALIA BY JUDY DEAN, OF SYDNEY, NSW, AUSTRALIA.

In the eighteenth century my Vance family were farmers at Oghill, near Ederney, in northern Fermanagh, Ireland.

Thomas, born 1785, married Mary Irvine and they had six children that I know of. Their fourth son was Joseph, born about 1816, who married a neighbour Isabella Armstrong in 1837. Later that year Joseph's father Thomas died and the following year Joseph and his new wife emigrated to Australia arriving at Sydney in October 1838 aboard the *Parland*. Their first child was born in Sydney only nine days after their arrival.

Two months later Joseph's brother William, who was about a year older than Joseph, arrived in Sydney on the *Fairlie* with his wife from Ireland, Margaret Crawford. Many people were making the same journey and soon they were also joined by Isabella's family; her parents, James and Jane Armstrong, and her eight brothers and sisters who arrived in Sydney in February 1839 aboard the ship *Susan*.



Joseph Vance 1816-1883

Isabella Vance 1818-1890

The families travelled south to Wollongong and Joseph established a farm which he named "Garden Hill" where two more children were born.

In 1842 William and Joseph's cousin, Isabella, arrived in Sydney. She was the daughter of Jane (née Sproule) and William Vance, Thomas' brother in Oghill. Isabella had married George Grey in Fermanagh and the couple, with their three children, came out on the *Brothers*. A fourth child was born on board ship and the family soon joined their former neighbours in the Illawarra.

In 1843 a group of these settlers banded together and moved further down the south coast another 30 miles to Kiama. William and Joseph Vance and James Armstrong all held property in the township and in 1848 Joseph bought some more land on the coast where he built a homestead and called it "Wesley Park." The Armstrongs also established a farm in Kiama in the heavily-treed gully slightly further inland from their son-in-law and daughter.

In 1855 the growing community was joined by William Vance, a grandson of William of

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Oghill, who arrived in Sydney on the *Exodus*, with his wife, formerly Jane Cullen, also of Oghill. Eight years later William was followed by his parents, James and Mary (née Chittick) who arrived in Sydney in 1863 on the *John Vanner*.

#### THE FAMILY OF JOSEPH AND ISABELLA VANCE

Joseph and Isabella stayed in Kiama for more than twenty years and had twelve more children, two of whom died as infants. Their eldest child, Mary, married Nicholas Hawken in Kiama in 1861 and later moved to Sydney. There were eventually thirteen children in the Hawken family.

As the country was opened up, the inland settlement of Kangaroo Valley became more available to people who wanted to farm new land and in 1868 Joseph Vance and his eldest son, Thomas, now aged twenty-eight, both took up land in the valley.

Joseph called his holding "Violet Bank" and the farm that Thomas worked was known as "Cedar Grove." Three years after his arrival in Kangaroo Valley, Thomas married a girl from the valley, Elizabeth Susanna Nugent, whose parents had emigrated from Dublin. They had eleven children and were a well-known family in the valley. Their fourth son, Wesley, continued the farm until his death in 1965 when his son, Ian carried on until financial considerations forced him to move on in 1979.

Joseph and Isabella's third child John was married in Kangaroo Valley in 1872. His wife was Mary Hird, the daughter of the first school teacher in Kangaroo Valley.

On Christmas Day in 1875 Joseph's second daughter, Anna, was married to James Noble but Anna died only eight and a half years later, leaving six children.

Joseph, the fifth child of Joseph and Isabella, was married in 1872 at Gerringong to Jane Mitchell and they had one daughter. Jane died in 1890 and Joe married secondly, Emily Kelk in 1897. There were five children of this marriage. Joe did well in life and managed to help all his siblings financially. For some years he was a commission agent in Sydney in partnership with his brother-in-law, Nicholas Hawken. Joe was also a co-founder of Clyde Engineering which at one stage built all the trains in New South Wales.

Margaret, the sixth child, did not marry and died in the valley in 1888, aged forty. Robert, Joseph and Isabella's seventh child, married Isabella Robinson in 1889 in Kiama and had four children.

Enoch, their eighth child, was killed in a timber accident in 1879, aged twenty-seven.

Wesley married Margaret Black in 1888 and took over the farm at "Violet Bank" when his father died but later moved to Campbelltown. They had seven children. Caroline and Matilda, the tenth and twelfth children in the family (number eleven was a daughter who died soon after birth) never married and lived together in Chatswood, Sydney, near brother Joe's family.

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THE FAMILY OF TOM VANCE AT "CEDAR GROVE" 1893

George, the next son, was one of twins. His brother Edward died a month before his first birthday but George grew up and enlisted in the Sudan campaign in 1885. He returned and married Kate Ryan in Cootamundra in 1888 and they had three children. The youngest child in Joseph and Isabella's family was Josiah who, in 1884, married Janetta Mitchell a younger sister of Joe's wife, Jane. They had five children.

Joseph, the first of this line of the Vance family to arrive in Sydney, died in 1883 at "Violet Bank," and Isabella died in Sydney in 1890. They and many Vance descendants are buried in the beautiful cemetery at Kangaroo Valley. All those mentioned lived in the State of New South Wales. The name is well entrenched and widely known in the areas where they settled.

Do they have distant American Cousins?

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## **VANCE JOURNEY FROM POSSIBLY SC to AL, LA, TX, AND NSW AUSTRALIA**

Submitted by Leon Vance, AU.

We think **Elihu Vance** was born 1802 in **Laurens County, South Carolina**, but we can't prove it. We know he died 1858 in Liberty, Liberty County, Texas. He married Jane Harrington, (February 28, 1814 - January 18, 1869) on October 14, 1829 in Perry, Alabama. Children: James, Mary, Elizabeth, Samuel, Charles Henry, and Joseph. Jane Harrington travelled to Millican, Brazos County, Texas, after the death of her husband, Elihu (or Elihue).

Joseph Vance (1849-1919) born in Vivian, Caddo Parish, Louisiana, died Millican, Brazos County, Texas. Married January 6, 1875 to Caroline Elizabeth Noling, (1850-1925) in Ruston, Lincoln Parish, Louisiana. Children: Charles Henry, Mary Elizabeth, Cornelia Jane, Joseph Theodore, Frances Juliet, and Samuel Coleman.

My grandfather, Charles Henry Vance, born November 25, 1877 in Alpha, Louisiana, died October 9, 1915 in Navasota, Grimes County, Texas. We know he was a veteran of the Spanish-American War. He married Margarite Corine Moore (1884-1969) on January 8, 1902 in Millican, Brazos County, Texas. Children were my father, Charles Elmer, and his 3 sisters; Theresa, Aubry, and Comelles.

Charles Elmer Vance, born April 8, 1903 in Waco, McLennan County, Texas, died September 12, 1960. Married, 1926, to Anne Gladys McLennan, born May 16 1904, Sydney, New South Wales, Australia. Children: Gene Allan Robert (1927-1932), and Elmer Leon James, born October 24, 1928. Both were born in Sydney, NSW.

Elmer Leon James Vance (called Leon and the submitter of this information), married, August 31, 1956, to Barbara Joan Hill (born August 1, 1927) of Sydney, NSW, at Randwick, NSW. Children: Alison Leonie Anne, born October 13, 1961 and Michael Francis Donald, born April 8, 1964.

Michael Francis Donald married October 21, 1989 to Janette Weatherup in Mulgoa NSW. Child: Samuel Joe, born December 23, 1990, in Penrith, NSW, Australia.

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## THE SCOTTISH WHO CAME TO AUSTRALIA

Submitted by Leon Vance from 'The Scots in Australia' by Malcolm D. Prentis. 1983

**Early Scots.** Pride of place as Australia's first Scotsman goes to Captain John Hunter, who arrived with Phillip in 1788, and became his successor as Governor of New South Wales in 1795. Hunter set the pattern for a Caledonian influence in the colonial administration.

As New South Wales was under military rule, early Scottish influence arrived as Royal Marines. Major Robert Ross was the commanding officer from 1788 to 1791, he was also Lieutenant Governor. Also with the marines was Lieutenant George Johnston from Dumfriesshire.

In the colonial period, three Scottish regiments served in Australia. First was Macquarie's unit, the 73rd Regiment of Foot, later known as 'the Perthshires.' The second from 1833 to 1839, the Royal North British Fusiliers, the 21st Regiment of Foot. After six years of duty they departed for India. Thirdly, the famous King's Own Scottish Borderers, the 25th Regiment of Foot. The regiment that relieved the 73rd was the 46th, commanded by Lieutenant-Colonel George James Molle from Chimside, Berwickshire. The 46th was relieved in 1817 by the 48th Regiment, commanded by Lieutenant-Colonel James Erskine.

**Scottish Convicts.** There were 8,207 Scottish convicts among nearly 150,000 transported to Australia. Interestingly only 4.8% of male convicts were Scottish, and 9.3% were female. A relatively large number of Scottish convicts were transported for larceny (burglary and breaking and entering) committed in or around Glasgow and Edinburgh. Often, also, they were multiple offenders. John Flynn was gaoled for theft, escaped, committed another theft while free, and was transported to Van Diemens Land in 1843. Robert Gilchrist was convicted in January 1834 in Glasgow of housebreaking with aggravation and transported to NSW for seven years. The famous Andrew Thompson was convicted of burglary at Jedburgh in 1790 and transported for fourteen years. William Highat was sentenced to fourteen years for sheep steeling in Ayshire in 1816. James Reid was a young apprentice who absconded, and was later reported to have been an old offender and escapee. Thomas McGavan was a larcenous soldier from the 88th Regiment who was handed over for trial to the civil courts for sentencing: he and two others were transported for stealing 3 pounds 10 shillings at a tollgate. Elizabeth McGuire, had been convicted over twenty times for drunkenness. And a very high proportion of the Scottish women convicts were prostitutes, many had been on the streets a long time, up to fifteen years in some cases. Estimates for later in the nineteenth century place the number of Glasgow street-walkers at six to seven thousand.

The two best known Scottish convicts in the earlier years were Thomas Watling, 'the limner of Dumfries,' transported for forgery. The second, was Andrew Thompson who died in 1810 a wealthy man, the pall-bearers at his funeral were Cox, Lord, Arndell and Gregory Blaxland. Mrs. McLeon of Skye was transported in the 1810's for burning down a neighbour's house in a fit of jealousy. Even more interesting were two batches of Scottish political prisoners sent out in 1793 to 1795 and 1820. The so-called 'Scottish Martyrs' of 1792 are far better known than the Radicals of 1820. Their case inspired Robert Burns's patriotic effusion 'Scots Wha Hae.' The martyrs numbered five, strictly speaking: Thomas Muir, an advocate; Thomas Fyshe Palmer, a Unitarian cleric; Maurice Margarot, a wine merchant; Joseph Gerrald, a planter and barrister, and William Skirving, a tutor. A sixth man, a weaver of Dundee called George Mealmaker, was sent out in 1800 and is sometimes included among the Scottish Martyrs because he was connected with their sedition in 1792. In fact, only two of the Martyrs, Muir and Skirving, were

Scottish, or three if we count Mealmaker. Their cases were notorious, their exile was famous, and Muir's escape, subsequent adventures and death, were bizarre and more than sensational.

Scottish unassisted immigrants from 1832 to 1850 were about 25,000, or about twenty to twenty-five percent. Janet Templeton, a widow from Glasgow, brought her nine children, employees, some merino sheep and a considerable amount of capital on the chartered *Czar* in 1830, she settled in Parramatta, but later moved to Melbourne in 1840 where she had a 10,000 acre run. Other settlers in the 1830's were the Imlay brothers, Alexander Hunter of the Monaro and Gippsland. John 'Tinker' Campbell in 1833, and Ernest G. B. E. Dalrymple in 1839 were Darling Downs squatters.

**Scottish Immigration.** On 18 May 1798 the *Barwell* arrived carrying two Scottish families destined to make modest but worthy contributions to the colony. Andrew and Elizabeth McDougall. A John and Honor Bowman and sons George and William came from East Lothian, where John had experience building corn mills. Walter Stevenson Davidson of Aberdeenshire arrived on the *Argo* in 1805 and was granted 2,000 acres in the Cowpastures. William Howe, a Scottish borderer, left the army after Waterloo, and settled in New South Wales, he was granted 3,000 acres at Minto. One who had a much more spectacular career was ex-Royal Marine officer, James Mudie, who arrived in 1822. His partner was John Lamach, who arrived from Caithness in 1823.

Among the immigrants, a number of tacksmen and other well-to-do Highlanders were; Donald Mackay, brother of the clan chief Lord Reay in 1821, and Alexander Macrae, tacksmen of Glenshiel, in 1822. The majority were Lowlanders, many from prominent families, Francis Irvine, son of Irvine of Drum, head of the name in 1822, and Peter Hay of Melrose in 1825, who received a grant of 6,000 acres. One of the best examples was George Ranken, third of eight sons of Ranken of Whitehill in Ayrshire, who was recommended to the Colonial Secretary by local notable Sir Alexander Boswell of Auchinleck.

Apart from straightforward settlers there was a small group drawn to Australia by the prospects of trade. William Douglas Campbell of Elgin came in 1797. Robert Campbell, his family has been lairds of Ashfield and Duntroon, and Alexander Berry became Laird of the Shoalhaven. Charles Hook from Argyll, and Fife-born William Walker, were other early merchant arrivals, along with Benjamin Boyd and A. B. Spark.

Assisted Immigrants first arrived on the 350-ton ship *Stirling Castle*. There were two ministers, the Reverend John Cieland and Thomas Thomson, and three professors for the Australian College, Henry Carmichael, John Anderson and William Pinkerton along with their wives or sisters. The famous 'Scottish Mechanics' comprised fifty-four adult men plus their families: stonemasons and bricklayers, carpenters and joiners, blacksmiths, plasterers, etc., and all members of Christian churches and congregations. The Reverend J. D. Lang made many other trips, bringing more tradesman and their families to Australia. Between 1832 and 1850 approximately 88,988 assisted immigrants arrived in Australia, about 14,000 were Scottish, or 15.11%.

A number of members of a Scottish-Norwegian family, the Archers, arrived in 1834 and 1838. The wide-ranging pastoralist-author Gideon Scott Lang arrived in 1841. Other Scots who emigrated to Port Phillip were Phillip and George Russell of the pastoral Clyde Company, Thomas and Somerville Learmonth later of Ericildoun Station, and Dr. Alexander Thomas, who was involved in the pastoral, political, religious and economic affairs of early Geelong and Melbourne.

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LANCASTER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA  
**LANCASTER FAMILY HISTORY CONFERENCE**

April 1-2, 2005

**Friday, April 1**

**Guided Bus Tour for Genealogical Research at State Archives and/or  
State Library in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania**

Please choose one of the sites as a preference. The two sites are close enough to visit both in one day, but the archives has a limit of fifteen. Therefore, some coordination may be required. Leave Lancaster Mennonite Historical Society at 7:30 a.m., and return about 6:00 p.m. Escorts of the Lancaster County Historical Society will furnish handouts and help orient persons. There are no admission fees. Food is available for purchase nearby, or bring a lunch.

**Saturday, April 2**

Sessions at Lancaster Mennonite School, 2176 Lincoln Highway East, Lancaster, Pa.

**8:00-9:00 REGISTRATION**

**8:00-4:45 EXHIBITS, VENDOR SALES**

**9:00-10:00 KEYNOTE ADDRESS**

**Great Days for Ethnic Genealogists, Megan S. Smolenyak**

There's never been a better time for genealogists researching their ethnic roots. Easily accessible resources have exploded over the last decade, and many of them are especially helpful for those of us with a multi-cultural heritage. Take a stroll through a survey of resources featuring some of Pennsylvania's best known citizens of today and yesteryear.

**10:15-11:15 SESSION I**

**1. Beginning the Search, Jane L. S. Davidson**

Gives step-by-step advice on how to collect family history data, where to start, types of documents, questions to ask.

**2. European Maps, Ernest Thode**

How to find and use gazetteers and maps to locate ancestral places of origin; a look at the many types of maps and finding aids available.

**3. Who are the Scots-Irish? And, How do I Research my Scots-Irish Ancestors, Richard L. Lindberg**

This workshop will identify their places of origin, where they settled in the mid-Atlantic area, and resources in the mid-Atlantic area for Scots-Irish research.

**4. Some Sources for Genealogical Research at the Pennsylvania State Archives, Jonathan R. Stayer**

This slide-illustrated lecture describes many of the resources used by genealogists at the State

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Archives in Harrisburg, including county records, censuses, land records and maps, military records, immigration and naturalization documents, and other selected materials. Use of the Archives website and its latest on-line digital collections also will be discussed.

**11:15-11:30 BREAK**

Exhibits and sales by vendors

**11:30-12:30 SESSION II**

**5. Organizing the Data, Jane L. S. Davidson**

Suggests method of ready access to one's genealogical collections using an organizational methodology with a 'one minute' retrieval time to find specific items.

**6. Building a Village-Based Community, Megan S. Smolenyak**

Many of us can trace our roots to villages where almost everyone is related to each other. Building a village-based community can advance your genealogical research and enhance your life in ways never imagined. By using a variety of approaches such as networking, newsletters, websites, reunions, and group projects you can bridge the gap and create a community where there hasn't been one for a century or more.

**7. An Introduction to Old German Script Illustrating its Value for Genealogists,**

*K. Varden Leasa*

Discusses old German handwriting from a genealogical perspective. Employs wills, letters Bible records, parish registers, and other documents to demonstrate advantages of knowing script. Learn how to form some of the letters and sign your name in old German script.

**8. The Good, the Bad and the Average: Evaluating Published Genealogies,**

*David Rempel Smucker*

What characteristics enable you to better understand and write a published genealogy? From the table of contents to the type of paper, this lecture will describe how a good genealogy communicates. It will also cover how a poor genealogy obscures the facts that the writer is trying to communicate.

**12:30-2:00 LUNCH, Exhibits and sales by vendors**

**2:00-3:00 SESSION III**

**9. Dating and Documenting Your Quilts, Jane L. S. Davidson**

Using genealogy research tools and textile references, learn more about your quilt and the person who made it.

**10. The Use of Warrantee Maps in Lancaster County Research, Geri L. Gilbert**

Take advantage of valuable information contained on the warrantee maps-a new avenue for searching maiden names or spelling anomalies. Sometimes names appear on warrantee maps that are not found in other research material.

**11. Certification for Genealogists, Kay Haviland Freilich**

Certification is for every genealogist who is serious about quality research and reporting. Learn what is involved and how to prepare an application to the Board for Certification of Genealogists.

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**12. Genealogy Gremlins, *F. Edward Wright***

Many pitfalls to family research will be discussed. Topics include alternate names, anticipating errors in published material, fully interpreting the will and getting beyond the will, faulty indexes-- remedies, following the land, skipping a generation, and other common errors.

**3:00-3:30 BREAK, Exhibits and sales by vendors**

**3:30-4:30 SESSION IV**

**13. My Ancestor Just Moved! Now What!, *Kay Haviland Freilich***

To research effectively in a new location, we need to learn about the location before we begin looking for information. This lecture will cover what we need to learn, how to find the answers we need, and how to put the information to use.

**14. Pennsylvania German Account Books and Family Books, *Frederick S. Weiser***

Even with limited education, poor handwriting, and phonetic spelling, Pennsylvania Dutch craftsmen kept careful record of business transactions and notations of gifts and loans to their children, so that estates could be settled 'share and share alike.' Although hard to find and hard to read, these are subtle records for genealogists to use.

**15. Real World DNA Testing, *Megan S. Smolenyak***

The author of *Trace Your Roots with DNA: Using DNA Tests to Explore Your Family Tree* discusses her own experience launching and managing a DNA project, including such considerations as test selection factors, vendor choice criteria, and convincing others to participate and/or contribute.

**16. Genealogical Research at the Lancaster Mennonite Historical Society, *Lloyd Zeager***

Gives hands-on introduction by the librarian; limited to twenty persons and held at the Society library. (Meet at registration desk, and be prepared to drive or form car pool).

**6:00 p.m. BANQUET in dining room of Lancaster Mennonite School**

**The Wonderful World of Fraktur, *Frederick S. Weiser***

Probably the widest known form of Pennsylvania German folk art, fraktur was part of the life of nearly every family. Types range from small presentation frakturs given by schoolmasters to religious texts of Scriptures and hymns, all brightly decorated and colored to delight the children for whom they were made.

**LOCATION**

All Saturday conference sessions will convene at Lancaster Mennonite School, 2176 Lincoln Highway East, Lancaster, PA 17602, except number 16, which will occur nearby at the Lancaster Mennonite Historical Society, 2215 Millstream Road, Lancaster, Pa. The Friday tour will leave from and return to the Lancaster Mennonite Historical Society.

**DIRECTIONS**

Lancaster Mennonite School is located about five miles east of Lancaster on the south side of U.S. Route 30 at the traffic light between East Towne Mall (at Pa. Route 462) and Rockvale Shopping Mall (at Pa. Route 896). The Lancaster Mennonite Historical Society is located about one-tenth-mile east of Lancaster Mennonite School. Lancaster County Historical Society is located on the west side of President Avenue between Columbia Avenue and Marietta Avenue in the western part of Lancaster City.

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#### **TRANSPORTATION**

Lancaster is served by Harrisburg International Airport, Middletown; Lancaster Airport, Lititz; Amtrak Rail Passenger Service, Lancaster; and the Red Rose Transit Authority (Bus).

#### **LODGING**

Persons interested in lodging should contact Lancaster Mennonite Historical Society (717-393-9745) for suggestions. Many motels are available near the conference site.

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#### **25th ANNUAL REUNION DESCENDANTS OF DAVID VANCE**

Submitted by Quinter Vance

Panther State Park, Panther, WV was the site of the 2004 reunion. Approximately 240 descendants of David Vance came from California, Kentucky, Ohio, Tennessee, Pennsylvania, North and South Carolina, Virginia, Florida, Wisconsin, Georgia, Michigan, Iowa, Illinois, and West Virginia. All of David's children are now deceased but there were representatives of 10 of his children and twenty-three grandchildren were in attendance.

Homer (Van) Vance, MC, presented gifts and certificates to Mr. and Mrs. Bittle Steele of Laeger, WV., (longest married), Mr. Steele, (oldest attending; age 82), Ethan Vance, Jolo, WV., (youngest attending; age 2 mos.) Corina Payne, Paynesville, WV., (married shortest time) and Taylor Williams of California who traveled the furthest.

Games, hiking, swimming, music and dancing, and horseshoe pitching were just some of the fun things going on, not to mention good food and fellowship! Some family members visited the site of the old Vance homeplace on Bradshaw Mountain.

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR THIS YEAR'S DAVID VANCE REUNION  
AUGUST 13, 2005  
PANTHER STATE PARK, PANTHER, WEST VIRGINIA!**

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## VANCE FEDERAL SECURITY SERVICES

Submitted by Sam Vance

An article in *The Huntsville Times* August 12, 2004, indicates that a Vance has made it big in the security business. The headline read, "Army hires private security guards to protect bases," and the article was credited to T. Christian Miller, of the *Los Angeles Times*. It mentions that **Vance Federal Security Services** and Wackenhut Services, Inc. were subcontracted by Alaskan Native firms to provide security guards to help protect dozens of American military bases. The two contracts issued to the Alaskan companies, Alutiiq Security and Technology, partnered with Wackenhut, and Chenega Technical Products, partnered with Vance, are worth up to \$500 million each over five years. More details can be obtained from the internet at <<http://www.commondreams.org/headlines04/0812-05.htm>> or <<http://www.and.com/front/v-printer/story/5421063p-5357044c.html>>. A quick search of the internet revealed that Vance International, Inc., a unit of SPX Corporation, has been in business since 1984, doing business providing executive protection services, uniformed guards, security consulting, and education and training, for U. S. and foreign industry and corporations, as well as U. S. and foreign governments. To quote one article, "'Terrorists go after the softer targets,' said former Secret Service agent **Charles Vance**, founder of Vance International, a pioneer of executive protection. 'As governments take more precautions, business targets become more inviting.'"

"'Chuck [Vance] saw a need to provide for the Saudis the type of security the Secret Service was giving government officials,' said Joe Ricci, marketing director for Vance International. 'The business grew from there.'"

(From "Safety at a Price: Security is a booming, sophisticated, global business," which can be read from the internet at <<http://www.post-gazette.com/headlines/20000213security1.asp>>. Additional information about Vance International, Inc., can be accessed at <<http://www.vancesecurity.com>>. Other articles can be located by performing a Google (or other search engine) search for "Vance Federal Security Services."

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## OBITUARY

(Our membership manager, Janie Vance, received this information via fax from the Robert Evans Funeral Home, Bowie, Maryland.)

**"Gladys Ellen Mecum** of Greenbelt, Maryland, died November 15, 2004 . Mother of William A. Mecum, (Carol) and Alfred T. "Ted" Mecum. Sister of Elva Jeanette Morris, Evelyn Jean Hines, Xena Roberta Angle, Melvyn Richard Watson, and the late Ida Grace Beatty. Half-sister of Flora Lee and Sydney. Grandmother of Jason A. Mecum and Barnbl\_\_\_ Park. Great-grandmother of Joshua A. Park and Cayden A. Mecum. Internment at Arlington National Cemetery."

Janie graciously replied for the Association as follows:

"Thank you for the information regarding our beloved member, Gladys Ellen Mecum... On behalf of our association and Janie and Phil Vance, please extend our deepest sympathy to Mrs. Mecum's family. We are deeply saddened by this loss of one of our own."

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## BITS AND PIECES

Sammie Simpson reports there are seven Vances listed on the Valley Forge Muster Roll. Pvt. John of Massachusetts, Pvt. John of New Hampshire, Pvt. John of Delaware, Pvt. John of Pennsylvania, Pvt. Joseph of Virginia, Pvt. Thomas of New Jersey, and Capt. William Vause of Virginia. This list is available on the internet at: [www.valleyforgemusterroll.org](http://www.valleyforgemusterroll.org). There are other interesting links to explore as well.

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From Leon Vance—"During my family searches I came upon the name of "Vance" in the state of Victoria in Australia and extracted a few facts which may be of interest;

Between 1852 and 1879 there were 47 Vances known to have immigrated to Victoria. They came from both Scotland and Ireland either after gold or something to eat, perhaps both.

Between 1837 and 1888 there were 90 Vance Births, 36 Deaths and 35 Marriages.

Between 1889 and 1901 there were 64 Vance Births, 22 Deaths and 24 Marriages.

Between 1902 and 1913 there were 49 Vance Births, 18 Deaths and 30 Marriages.

Between 1914 and 1920 there were 35 Vance Births, 12 Deaths and 25 Marriages.

Between 1921 and 1942 there were 98 Vance Marriages.

Between 1921 and 1985 there were 172 Vance Deaths.

I am not sure of the significance of the figures or whether they mean very much to you, but there they are."